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## 'Shutting down casino will affect whole NMI economy'



File photo shows part of the façade of Imperial Palace Saipan.

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## Inos, Naraja, Govendo up for retention election

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Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo will be up for retention election this November's mid-term election.

Inos, Naraja, and Govendo have not publicly discussed

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Inos



Naraja



Govendo

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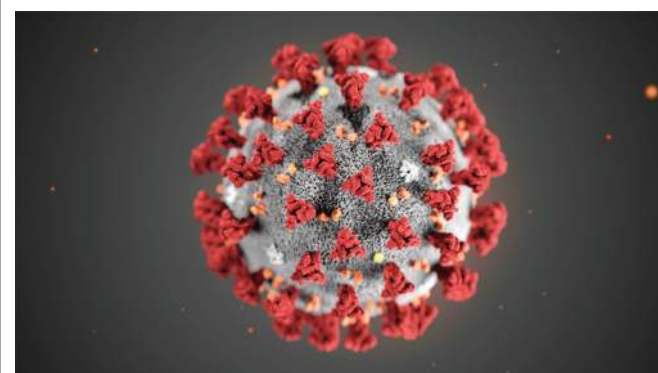
A hearing of a contractor's application for a mechanic's lien on the Imperial Palace Saipan can have an extremely significant and crippling impact on Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and the CNMI's economy, according to IPI's counsel David G. Banes.

Pacific Rim Land Development LLC filed an application for a mechanic's lien on IPI's hotel-casino project and on the land that it sits on.

A mechanic's lien refers to a security interest in the title to property for the benefit of those who have supplied la-

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## Coronavirus yet to infiltrate CNMI



This illustration provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in January 2020 shows the 2019 novel coronavirus, 2019-nCoV.

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Quashing rumors that the CNMI now has a suspected novel coronavirus case, the Commonwealth Health Care Corp. has assured that that is not true and that there is still no such case as of yesterday.

According to CHCC spokesperson Zoe Travis, as of 4pm yesterday, there were no suspected or confirmed cases of novel coronavirus 2019-

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## Extra flights for Pika Fest



MVA

File photo shows the Tinian Hot Pepper Festival as it kicked off last Feb. 15, 2019. This year, the Marianas Visitors Authority and Tinian Mayor's Office will hold the 16th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on Feb. 15-16, 2020, at the Fiesta Grounds in San Jose village on Tinian, adjacent to Kammer Beach.

Star Marianas Air, in cooperation with the Marianas Visitors Authority and Tinian Mayor's Office, will extend its normal

hours of operation during the 16th Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival slated for Feb. 15-16, 2020

On Feb. 15 and 16, scheduled flights will be extended by three hours, with the last flights leaving Tinian at 10:30pm. Flights will leave Saipan hourly at the top of the hour (starting at 7am) and Tinian hourly at the bottom of the hour (starting at 7:30am).

The Marianas Visitors Authority's ferry service between Tinian and Saipan on Feb. 14-17 is already sold out.

The Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held at the Fiesta Grounds in San Jose, Tinian, adjacent to Kammer Beach. This year's major sponsor is IT&E. The festival, affectionately known as "Pika Fest" among residents (*pika* means spicy), pays homage to Tinian's small but famous *domme sali* hot pepper. Activities will include dances, bands, and other live entertainment; cooking competitions, indigenous craft sales; and more. Festivalgoers will have the chance to purchase a variety of local dishes, join the *umang* (hermit crab) races, participate in sports activities, and join the hot pepper eating competition itself.

In addition, the 65K Pika Bike Race on Feb. 15 will begin at 6am. To register or for more information, contact Dawn Sarmiento at dawn-sarmiento@yahoo.com or Alex Gozon at alexgozon@yahoo.com.

Air service between Saipan and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas and takes 15 min-

utes. Airport shuttle will be offered by the MVA to and from the festival site. Accommodations are available at Tinian Ocean View, Lorilyn's Hotel, Tinian Street Motel, Fleming Hotel, Green Lion House Hotel, and the Marpo Valley Inn. Free camping is available at Kammer Beach, Taga Beach (toilets, barbecue pits, and outdoor showers available) and at the adjacent Tachogna Beach (toilets, barbecue pits, and indoor showers available).

For more information, contact Tinian field operations supervisor Vida Borja at 433-9365 or email vborsa@mymarianas.com or MVA community project specialist Ray Villagomez at 664-3210 or rvillagomez@mymarianas.com. (PR)

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# MCS plans to build a performing arts theater

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Mount Carmel School, which has an energetic theater club, is looking to build a home for that club, where they can stage their plays, as well as provide a venue for all performing arts programs in the CNMI.

The plan is to build a 1,000-seat state-of-the-art performing arts theater, according to MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero. He pointed out that there is a vibrant performing arts scene in the CNMI but no home for them.

He said that MCS' own performing arts program continues to expand every year, so MCS has taken upon itself to provide the program with a home as well as for other local performing arts programs.

"We [at MCS] have such an amazing performing arts program and, of course, our theater program is growing, but beyond that, in our community, there's such a



Deleon Guerrero

vibrant performing arts scene but there's no home for the performing arts. [There's the] Friends of the Arts, the Saipan Community Band, the Marianas High School Glee Club, all these great performing groups out there and they're having to perform in makeshift venues, so we really hope to provide a home for the performing arts in the Marianas and the region and we want this to be the crème de la crème, one of the best performing arts center in the region," he said.

Deleon Guerrero is giving the project three to five years because there's a lot of work to be put into the project.

"It's a monumental effort. We want to make sure that we do it right. One thing we don't want to do is turn this into another multi-purpose center because the tendency is that the multi-purpose center is going to lose its functionality. We want this to be strictly for the performing arts," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said they have already been pre-approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the funding of the project but there still is no cost estimate.

"There's this form of FEMA funding that allows you to build new structures or to replace old structures. We've

been sort of pre-approved to pursue this type of funding, which allows us to build a brand-new structure. Part of

the requirement with FEMA is to provide a cost estimate but, in order to do a cost estimate, we need to bring in a contrac-

tor and an architect for a design," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said MCS has only been working on the

project for the past month and wants to generate more excitement for it

"Next month, were going

to hammer down the cost estimates and we're going to package that into our FEMA request," he said.

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## Saipan Chamber meeting focuses on coronavirus

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its monthly general membership meeting today, Feb. 5, 2020, at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort. Topics of discussion will be around the novel coronavirus and the Saipan Chamber's plans for 2020.

Guest speakers include:

■ Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, who will speak on the executive order suspending travelers from mainland China from flying into the CNMI.

■ Marianas Visitors Authority, which will be giving updated infor-

mation about visitor arrival projections in light of the coronavirus and how MVA is adapting to the changing tourism landscape.

■ A Commonwealth Health Care Corp. representative will be providing updates on how CHCC and partners are responding to the threats of the coronavirus on the Commonwealth.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The luncheon fee is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members.

The Saipan Chamber asks for all attendees to RSVP online at <https://business.saipanchamber.com/events/calendar>. To reserve six or more seats, contact the

Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email [coordinator2@saipan-chamber.com](mailto:coordinator2@saipan-chamber.com).

The Saipan Chamber is a non-profit organization. For more information regarding SCC updates, follow the Saipan Chamber at <https://www.facebook.com/SPNChamber> or visit their website at [www.saipanchamber.com](http://www.saipanchamber.com). (PR)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### New PH passports now being released

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, is now releasing passports to those who renewed their passports last Dec. 2, 3, and 4, 2019. Pick up the new passports at the Finasisu Terraces Building D, second floor, (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (12-1pm breaktime). Bring your old passport and receipt. If someone else will pick up your passport, the applicant should provide an authorization letter. For more information, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. (PR)

### Kagman schools set PTSA meeting

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman Unified Schools, on the island of Saipan, will be having a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at 5:30pm in the Kagman High School cafeteria. We are encouraging all parents, and guardians to attend this meeting. Child care will be provided. Call the any of the

three schools at 237.3150 (KAGE), 237.3165 (COVMS), or 237.3196 (KHS) if you have any questions or concerns. (PR)

### Water service interruption today

There will be a scheduled water service interruption today, Feb. 5, 2020, from 8am to 4pm, on Capital Hill 1200 Block, 1300 Block, Wireless Ridge, Eggi Drive, Marshall Loop and for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers along Capital Hill Isa Drive to the the Kagman Mobil gas station. This will allow CUC's water operations personnel to repair five service line leaks on Marshall Loop. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4282. (PR)

### Our Lady of Lourdes novena

The Santa Lourdes Community in AsTeo has announced that the novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes will begin on Feb. 7 and will end on Feb. 15. From Feb. 7 to Feb. 14, the rosary and novena will start at 5pm at the Santa Lourdes Shrine in As-

Teo. On Saturday, Feb. 15, the day of the fiesta, the rosary will be said at pm, followed by the novena, and the Mass will be held at 3pm at the Shrine. Procession will follow after the Mass. (PR)

### Saturday writing workshops

The Marianas Writers Movement will have a series of Saturday workshops. Each workshop will be two hours, beginning at 1:30pm in the VTC Room of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The workshops, "Beyond the First Draft," will focus on the editing process. These workshops are open to all over age 13, and are free.

Each workshop is different in content. Here is the tentative schedule for topics:

■ Feb. 8 Workshop 4: Line editing thoughts

■ Feb. 15 Workshop 5: Pitching your novel

■ Feb. 22 Workshop 6: Resources/ Hands-on/Feedback/Q&A (PR)

### SHRM membership meeting set

The Society for Human Resource

Management-NMI Chapter will have a general membership meeting and webinar training on Feb. 7, Friday, at the Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan. The meeting starts at 9am with the induction of the 2020 NMI SHRM board members.

The webinar trainer will be Fran Sepler, president of Sepler & Associates, who is known for her pioneering work in harassment prevention and workplace investigations. Training topics:

■ 9:30am – 12:30pm: "Respect in

the Workplace."

■ 1:30pm – 5:30pm: "Leading for Respect."

This training includes lunch and costs \$50 for SHRM members and \$60 for non-SHRM members. Reserve your seat by contacting Roman Tudela at [tudela.roman@gmail.com](mailto:tudela.roman@gmail.com) or Denise Montenegro at [denise.montenegro@hyatt.com](mailto:denise.montenegro@hyatt.com) SHRM is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. The NMI Chapter is affiliated with the national organization. (PR)

## CASINO

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bor or materials that improve the property.

IPI also told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they are paying the CNMI government \$15 million in annual license fee, \$20 million in annual community benefit fund, an average of \$50 million in business gross revenue tax in the past three years, plus millions of developer's tax, income tax, excise tax, and Commonwealth Casino Commission fees.

Banes said the interests that will be at stake at the Feb. 11, 2020, probable cause hearing in connection with Pacific Rim's application for mechanic's lien, and the parties' mediation, are extraordinary and go far beyond the already significant \$5 million-plus being demanded by Pacific Rim.

Banes discussed the impact of Pacific Rim's mechanic's lien application in IPI's motion to continue the probable cause hearing on the application from the currently scheduled Feb. 11 to at least the end of March 2020.

Banes said the continuation will allow enough time for the parties to go forward with their already agreed-upon mediation and for IPI to investigate and prepare the presentation of its counterclaims if mediation fails to resolve the parties' disputes.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona will hear today, Wednesday, on IPI's motion to continue the probable cause hearing.

In IPI's motion, Banes disclosed that the Department of Public Lands secretary has indicated to him that if a mechanic's lien is placed on IPI's leasehold interest, DPL's position is that the lien constitutes a default on the public land lease and DPL would move to terminate the lease.

"This could potentially lead to the shutdown of the casino, with hundreds of workers losing their jobs, and send a far-reaching ripple effect through the entire CNMI economy, which relies almost exclusively on tourism," the lawyer said.

Banes said there is no doubt that this lien proceeding is being used by Pacific Rim to force IPI into pay-

ing off its promissory note, without IPI being able to meaningfully defend itself.

"Pacific Rim knows full well the extremely huge potential effect that a lien can have on IPI's business (possibly leading to the shutdown of the casino) and the CNMI economy, and it has been soliciting third parties to pressure IPI into submission," Banes said.

Instead of complying with IPI's subpoena by Jan. 31, 2020, Pacific Rim chose to move to quash the subpoena and has only selectively and incompletely produced some responsive documents, he added.

In the meantime, he said, Pacific Rim has agreed to mediation, but again, refused to provide documents sought by IPI so that the parties could have meaningful settlement discussions, and insists on not continuing the hearing even if the parties were to conduct mediation after Feb. 11, the current hearing date.

Banes declined to disclose details of IPI's counterclaims, saying they are in the process of being investigated, but said that one of them relates to the qualifications of workers hired by Pacific Rim and billed to IPI.

However, he said, hundreds of workers were hired by Pacific Rim to work in the IPI project.

Banes said his office has been coordinating with a private investigator on locating and interviewing potential witnesses, but the investigator has reported back that the search turned out to be difficult, and more time is needed.

Pacific Rim, through counsel Colin Thompson, is suing IPI and five unnamed alleged co-conspirators for breach of contract (construction and promissory note), and unjust enrichment.

Pacific Rim claimed to have substantially completed or completed the agreed upon construction work on Sept. 30, 2018.

Thompson said the unpaid amount that is owed Pacific Rim is \$5.65 million, but it wants to collect from IPI approximately \$10 million in damages that would proven at trial.

The court then consolidated Pacific Rim's lawsuit and its application for a mechanic's lien.

## CORONAVIRUS

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nCoV in the CNMI.

The rumor mill has been circulating a report yesterday that a Chinese tourist had been brought to the Commonwealth Health Center on suspicion of being infected with the novel coronavirus, but the hospital flatly denied this when asked.

Last Friday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issued restrictions on flights carrying passengers from mainland China to the United States, following a proclamation by President Donald J. Trump.

The restrictions also apply to the CNMI, according to a Commonwealth Ports Authority press release on Feb. 3.

The restrictions would direct U.S. citizens who traveled to China within 14 days of their arrival in the U.S. to one of three airports with advanced

public health screening capabilities. They will also be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine, either in a health facility or in home quarantine, depending on where they traveled in China.

Foreign nationals, other than immediate family of U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and flight crew, who have traveled in China within 14 days of their arrival, will be denied entry into the United States.

CHCC continues to urge the community to be vigilant. There is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV, and the best way to protect against this and other illnesses is to take protective health and hygiene measures.

Preventative measures include washing one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands; avoid close contact with people who are

sick; stay home when sick; cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash; and clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

CHCC said that the surveillance unit of its Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program continues to work with Customs and Border Patrol, CPA, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and other agencies in screening incoming passengers from outbreak areas. Protocols have been established around transportation, isolation, and care of a suspected case of 2019-nCoV, should such a case present in the CNMI.

Over the last few weeks, 2019-nCoV cases have begun to appear globally in Southeast Asia, Europe, and the U.S. mainland. There have been 425 deaths, with the vast majority occurring in Wuhan and other parts of mainland China. One death has been recorded in the Philippines and another in Hong Kong.

## ELECTION

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their intent to serve additional terms on the bench.

As an associate justice in the CNMI Supreme Court, this will be the first time for the 53-year-old Inos to undergo the retention election process. He was previously retained for another six-year term on the bench in 2012 when he was still an associate judge.

Inos ascended to the bench as an associate judge in the Superior Court on Sept. 22, 2008, after then-governor Benigno R. Fitial nominated him.

He became an associate justice in the CNMI Supreme Court in March 2013 after the CNMI Senate confirmed his nomination.

If the 64-year-old Naraja wants to serve six more years on the bench, this November will be his third retention election.

Naraja ascended to the Superior Court bench as an associate judge in 2001 when then-governor Pedro P. Tenorio appointed him. Two years later, then-governor Juan N. Babauta appointed Naraja as presiding judge, which is the position he currently holds.

In 2007 and 2014, voters backed

Naraja's retention on the bench.

If the 75-year-old Govendo wins his third term, he will be the oldest judge to sit on the CNMI bench.

Then-governor Babauta appointed Govendo as associate judge in 2003. In 2007 and 2014, voters overwhelmingly voted for Govendo's retention.

Under a constitutional amendment, the question of whether justices or judges will be retained shall be put to a vote at a general election immediately before the end of that justice's or judge's initial term of office.

In 2003, Juan T. Lizama was the first judge in the CNMI to be retained on the bench.



# Man arrested for alleged multiple thefts at rental store

The boyfriend of a Dial Rent-to-Own employee was arrested at his home in Dandan last Monday after video surveillance footage allegedly showed him stealing several items from the store over a

span of many days.

Syl Kolin Teregeyo, 35, was arrested on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at about 2:44pm, on the strength of an arrest warrant for the charges of theft on multiple incidents.

According to the police statement yesterday, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a call from the Dial Rent-to-Own store in Chalan Kanoa last Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at about

8:17am, reporting a theft incident. Police were dispatched to the scene.

According to the caller, who is employed by the store, they noticed some items missing earlier in the week and wanted to report it. On Jan. 6, 2020, employees noticed they were missing a drill set. After reviewing the store's surveillance footage,

a man was seen behind the counter place the drill set into his bag before walking out of the store. Management continued to review surveillance footage back until Dec. 9, 2019, and discovered the same person putting items into his bag and walking out of the store. On some days the suspect would return to the store



Teregeyo

twice to take items. After an inventory of the store, total items missing were valued at \$2,600.

The individual was identified as a boyfriend of an employee. The female individual was interviewed and she positively identified Teregeyo as the individual on the surveillance footage.

On Jan. 31, 2020, at about 2:56pm, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio signed and issued the arrest warrant for Teregeyo's arrest. (PR)

## Tinian to explore zero-waste management

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REPORTER

Tinian is hoping to get at least \$10 million of the \$56 million funding that has been earmarked for the CNMI under the 2019 Disaster Relief Act to use on typhoon waste disposal, and for other solid waste management activities in the Marianas.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) had implied that, with funding now available, the open dump site and the lack of sanitary waste facility on Tinian could now possibly be fixed.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Senate vice president Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said that they are hoping to get some funding, to possibly invest in equipment for roadside collection, among others.

"Long-term wise, it is the desire of the leadership to have our own disposal system [on] Tinian, and this is part of the process," the senator said.

The Tinian government is currently working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and regional experts to move toward zero waste management.

"We found out that, because of the size of our community, we may not fall on the threshold of being required to build a landfill, we may fall under that criterion, and that is significant because that would probably require less funding needs for it but, at the same time, fulfilling the requirement of solid waste disposal," Hofschneider added.

In the works is a plan to implement a pilot zero-waste management initiative program on Tinian, and it is working with experts to polish the plan.

"This will involve composting, recycling, anything that is associated with dealing with solid waste on Tinian. The plan is in its infancy. We're still exploring other options. We've been also consulting and engaging with EPA," Hofschneider said.

As for the Tinian transfer station, he said the construction of the facility is now done, but they have yet to come out with the definite time as to when the site will open and operate, as there are still areas that need to be discussed.

"But from the get-go, the municipality has already instituted segregation, primarily green waste facility," Hofschneider said. "There is an approved green waste facility on Tinian for a few years now. ... As far as that is concerned, it's ongoing, but there are still other components that we need to continue exploring and, hopefully, we can implement them in the foreseeable future."

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# SIS seeks Rotary's help for Korea conference this month

By JUSTINE NAUTA  
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REPORTER

Students of Saipan International School's Model United Nations Club has sought the help of the Rotary Club of Saipan for funding that would allow them to attend a conference in South Korea.

This early, the Rotary is reportedly inclined to donate some funds to the student group but the amount will be discussed with the Rotary board first.

The student made a pitch for donations at the club's regular Tuesday meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan Giovanni's restaurant last Feb. 4.

The members of the SIS MUN club have raised over \$6,000 but need a grand total of \$23,640 that will be used for the students' and advisers' flights, hotel, and meals when they attend the sixth annual Global Education City Model United Nations conference at the Jeju Shinhwa Landing Convention Center in South Korea, from Feb. 14 to Feb. 15.

Brian Clayton, the Rotary's community service director, said that they will most likely support the SIS students but they will have to talk it over with the board how much they would give.

The GECMUN conference encourages students from every region of the world to act as a diplomat and participate in a simulated session of the United Nations general assembly and other multicultural bodies in the UN system. It also encourages diversity by giving students from different countries an opportunity to participate in the simulation exercises.

The students, many of whom have attended the conference in previous years, believe the experience teaches them many things outside the classroom.

"It [GECMUN] gives me the experience about political conferences because there aren't many competitions [on island] that I can benefit from," said Andrea No, who is the SIS MUN club vice president.

Allan Lee, who is treasurer of the SIS MUN club, said he personally dislikes speaking in public. "I enjoy math rather than speaking. So, I decided for this to be a new experience.

What I learned from going there is that it's actually pretty fun and eye-opening to see how other people have opinions and how, by working together, each person's uniqueness can form one complete answer to a problem," he said.

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"I personally learned more not only just about teamwork and working together with other people from different

places, but we got to learn more about what's going on now in the world," said Sally Lai, who is secretary of the SIS MUN club.

So far, the club has already gotten the support of Saipan International School, Tan Holdings, First Hawaiian Bank, Chung Gi Wa, God-

father's Bar, IT&E, E-Land Group, and Atkins Kroll. They said the Rotary Club of Saipan was also one of their supporters last year.

## February is teens vs dating violence



JUSTINE NAUTA

Students of Saipan Southern High School gather around Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios at the proclamation of Teen Dating Awareness Month last Feb. 4 at Saipan Southern High School in Koblerville.

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REPORTER

Safe dating among teens is the focus of this month's observance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, as a way to bring teens and those who support them together in a national effort to raise awareness about teen dating violence.

Over 100 students of Saipan Southern High School witnessed Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios sign the proclamation that seeks to fight teen dating

violence last Feb. 4 at SSHS in Koblerville.

Along with the observance of February as Parent Leadership Month under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services, the month will also focus on teen dating under the auspices of the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

In her opening remarks, Saipan Southern High School Student Council president Kristine Deleon Guerrero said, "Teen dating violence is a huge issue and under-reported among our peers."

SSHS Fernandez Jeremiah Fernandez and Elaine also did a performance of the poem, *Lost*, which highlights the loss of innocence among teens who go through teen dating violence. It is the poem that won the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence's poetry slam in 2017.

"Gov. [Ralph DLG] Torres and I encourage all citizens to raise awareness about abuse in teen relationships and promote programs that prevent it. Throughout February, organizations and individuals nationwide are urged to come together to bring attention to the significant need to continue to educate young people about dating violence and to empower them to make healthy choices in relationships in order to break the devastating cycle of abuse," said Palacios.

Part of activities that the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence has lined up this month is its annual Teen Poetry Slam 2020 on Feb. 28 at 6pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan that is open to the public.

The proclamation was signed for the first time by Gov. Ralph Torres in 2018. This year will mark its third observance in the CNMI.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: February 5, 2020

**NOTICE:** The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination request from the United States Department of the Navy regarding the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)

More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the following website:  
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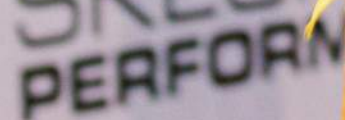
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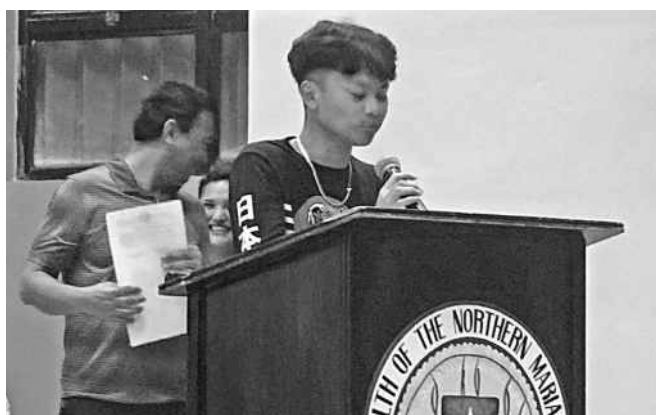


# Parent Leadership Month

Photos by JUSTINE NAUTA



Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios reads the proclamation document at the proclamation signing for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Sage Gonzales, from Kagman High School, introduces his father, John Oliver Gonzales, who read the Chamorro version of the proclamation for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Emmanuel T. Erediano's daughter introduces him at the proclamation signing for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center to read the English version of the proclamation. Erediano later read the English version of the proclamation.



Emmanuel Erediano recites the English version of the proclamation for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



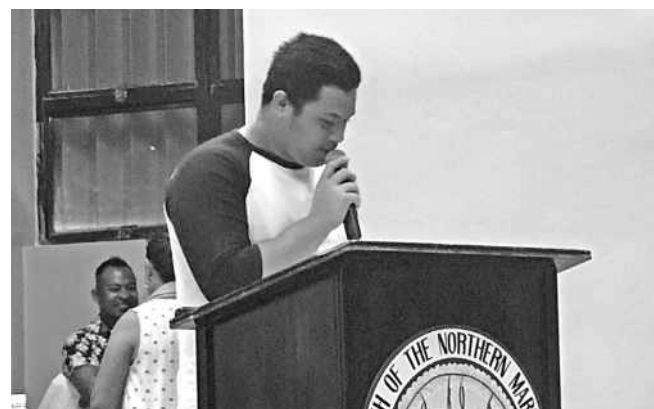
John Oliver Gonzales reads the Chamorro version of the proclamation for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



From left at the table, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter, first lady Diann Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, and Division of Youth Services administrator Vivian Sablan listen as the proclamation is read at the proclamation signing for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



From left, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter, first lady Diann Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, and Division of Youth Services administrator Vivian Sablan recite the Parents Pledge at the proclamation signing of Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Javan Camacho, from Kagman High School, introduces his mother, Lucinda Selepeo, who read the Carolinian version of the proclamation for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter, Division of Youth Services administrator Vivian Sablan, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, and first lady Diann Torres line up to present certificates to recognize parent leaders at the proclamation signing of Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Lucinda Selepeo reads the Carolinian version of the proclamation for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



Parent leaders recite the Parents Pledge, which was led by Lizette Pascua, at the proclamation signing for Parent Leadership Month last Jan. 31 at the Kagman Community Center.



# GCA K-12 Eagles excited for regional competitions



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Grace Christian Academy's January 2020 Primary Grades Forensic Conference winners have their picture taken at the Rev. Raymond S. Kinsella Library at the school's Navy Hill campus on Saipan.

Grace Christian Academy students won several awards at three different speech competitions in January, the last monthly qualifying competition for all grade level categories. Some of the students won in two or all events and most of them won at least one event. These competitions encourage public and private school

students to participate in and become proficient in reading, public speaking, debate, and interpretations. The school had 19 competitors at the Primary Grades Forensic Conference, six competitors at the National Junior Speech and Debate Association, and four at the National Speech and Debate Association.

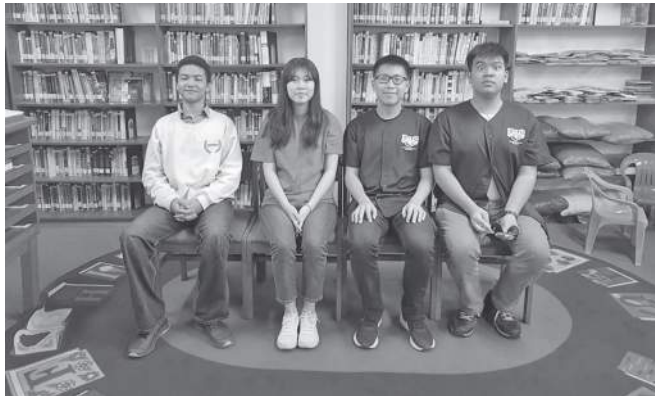


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Grace Christian Academy's January 2020 National Junior Speech and Debate Association winners have their picture taken at the Rev. Raymond S. Kinsella Library at the school's Navy Hill campus on Saipan.

The GCA students that competed ranged from Kindergarten to 12th grade. The GCA winners, together with some GCA competitors who are already qualified for the regional competitions and opted to have a break, are all excited to join the regional competitions in their respective divisions in March.

The K5 to 5th grade will start practicing for the PGFC regional competition to be held at Grace Christian Academy on March 7, 2020. First grade Seung Woo Lee, who won first place in Dramatic Interpretation, is excited to compete in the PGFC regional competition for the first time. Seventh grade Jennifer



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Grace Christian Academy's January 2020 National Speech and Debate Association winners have their picture taken at the Rev. Raymond S. Kinsella Library at the school's Navy Hill campus on Saipan.

Woo, who won first place both in Declamation and Original Oratory, will try her best to win in the NJSDA regional competition to get a slot to represent GCA as a member of Team CNMI in the national competition this school year. GCA's 12th grader Lanz Jabez Victoria, who won first place both in Commentary

and International Extemporaneous Speech, is a veteran in speech competitions since elementary grade and has experience competing at the national competition. He is excited to join the NSDA regional competition for the last time despite his busy schedule as he prepares for college next school year. (PR)

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PRIMARY GRADES FORENSIC CONFERENCE (K5-5 <sup>th</sup> GRADE)			
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Dramatic Interpretation			
Seung Woo Lee, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
Fiona Yu, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
Catalina Frink, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Humorous Interpretation			
Sarang Lee, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place			
Impromptu Speaking			
Anne Gabrielle Arriola, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place			
Gwen Alexandra Retardo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place			
Mirielle Isla Badal, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place			
Readers Forum Masters A			
Anne Gabrielle Arriola, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place			
Readers Forum Masters B		Lucas Zeyu Yuan, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	
Sarang Lee, 5 <sup>th</sup> Place		Readers Forum Masters C	
Chamorro Events		Justin Yao Ma, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
Mykah Jax Salas, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place		PGFC coach/coordinator: Esther Manzano	
3-5 DIVISION		Judges/volunteers: Maricel Javier, Edriel Javier, Alyssa Jean Pantaleon, Na Lee Christy Lee, Julie Lee, Soleil Lamar	
Duo Interpretation A		NATIONAL JUNIOR SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE)	
Breanna May Lopez, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		Declamation	
Mariska Badal, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place		Jennifer Woo, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
Duo Interpretation B		Sara Elizabeth Keaton, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
Misako Ota, 4 <sup>th</sup> Place		Original Oratory A	
Maria Sofia Gomez, 4 <sup>th</sup> Place		Jennifer Woo, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
Humorous Interpretation A		Prose Reading Masters A	
Akira Ito, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		Beatrice Ryza Fabre, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	
Humorous Interpretation B		Julianna Rue Magtalas, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
Breanna May Lopez, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place		Prose Reading Masters B	
		Eunice Nicole Pagaduan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
		Story Telling A	
		Beatrice Ryza Fabre, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	
		Luis Cataluna, 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	
		NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> GRADE)	
		Commentary	
		Lanz Jabez Victoria, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
		James Alexander Keaton, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
		Ao Feng Louis Zheng, 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	
		International Extemporaneous Speech	
		Lanz Jabez Victoria, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
		United States Extemporaneous Speech	
		Ao Feng Louis Zheng, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	
		James Alexander Keaton, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
		Impromptu Speech A	
		Lanz Jabez Victoria, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
		Original Oratory A	
		Na Lee Christy Lee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	
		Poetry Reading Masters A	
		Na Lee Christy Lee, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	
		NJSDA/NSDA coach/coordinator: Grace Duran	
		Competition registrar: Esther Manzano	
		Judges: Arvin Dayao, Claude Aquino, Elijah Joshua Pajarillaga	

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Election of Officers

V. Executive Director Update

VI. Miscellaneous

VII. Adjournment

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### EDITORIAL

## Containing the coronavirus: Calm, urgency needed as virus spreads to US

**W**ithin just a few weeks of thousands of cases emerging halfway around the world, the threat of the dangerous coronavirus arrived on Pennsylvania's border last week.

Two students at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, may have brought the pneumonia-like virus back from China in recent days. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is monitoring the pair who recently traveled together to China and may have contracted the illness there.

Since returning to southwest Ohio, one of the students has become ill with flu-like symptoms consistent with the virus that has claimed at least 100 lives in China and sickened nearly 6,000 people.

The Trump administration also has offered to help China deal with the virus while authorities in this country have announced anyone flying to the United States from Wuhan will be routed to one of five American airports, at which passengers will be screened when they land.

About half a dozen cases have been identified so far in the United States as the virus has begun to spread beyond its origin point in China.

Managing the potential global threat of the contagion will require both calm and urgency, as well as cooperation and transparency among the world's health authorities. Everything we have learned from previous contagious disease outbreaks—including the similar SARS outbreak in 2003—should have prepared us well to contain the spread of the new coronavirus and minimize its impact.

The challenge with this coronavirus is that infectious respiratory conditions like this can spread very easily among people. And in the 21st century, people move rapidly across great distances, making it possible for the virus to spread around the globe in just a short time.

This virus is new and officials believe it originally made the jump from animals to humans in a Wuhan meat market in December. Since then, the virus likely has mutated and now can be transmitted person to person.

Unlike the SARS outbreak, Chinese officials seem to be more transparent and communicative with other nations about the new coronavirus. This is essential, as is a willingness among the rest of the global community to offer whatever resources the Chinese can use to treat the illness and minimize its spread.

Individuals have a part to play in thwarting the spread of the coronavirus too. As with the flu and other potentially deadly contagious diseases, frequent hand washing is essential, and those who are feeling ill should stay at home. Also, in this special case, Americans who do not need to travel to China should avoid doing so until this potentially deadly virus is contained.

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## Coronavirus isn't bringing jobs back to America

**U**.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross had a spectacularly insensitive reaction to China's coronavirus epidemic during a recent interview:

I think it will help to accelerate the return of jobs to North America. Some to U.S. Probably some to Mexico as well ... the fact is, it does give businesses yet another thing to consider when they go through their review of their supply chain.

This is a heartless thing to say at a time when thousands of Chinese people have been infected, and millions more are huddling indoors as disease spreads. But it's also probably wrong on the merits. Coronavirus is unlikely to be a boon for U.S. employment.

It is true that the epidemic may cause multinational companies to rethink their reliance on China. The country is so huge that despite the need to diversify, companies can't help but turn to it as a source for components and manufactured goods. The U.S., Japan and South Korea are especially dependent on China in this regard:

Diseases, although they can jump from country to country, tend to stay within a nation's borders because the government can close the borders to limit the spread. This highlights the risk of concentrating supply chains in one nation. Of course, that's dangerous for other reasons, as the trade war and Chinese government policies designed to help domestic champions against foreign rivals have recently made clear. But the knowledge that China can still be an incubator for fast-spreading epidemics will probably heighten the sense of risk. That won't be enough to get multinationals to abandon China, especially given the lure of its huge domestic market. But it could accelerate the trend of diversification to other locations.

But these alternatives are unlikely to be in the U.S. Now that U.S. companies have built up the management and technical infrastructure to manage global supply chains, there are plenty of other low-cost countries available. And China's spectacular success at providing jobs and rising living standards for its people by attracting multinational investment has inspired a number of other countries to try to be the next China.

Two such countries are Vietnam and Bangladesh. Both have stable governments and low labor costs and are natural alternatives for labor-intensive manufacturing of items such as toys, clothing, furniture, electronics-assembly work and so on. Bangladesh, for example, is a star in the apparel industry:

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Meanwhile, the U.S. trade deficit with Vietnam, which had been growing for years, jumped in 2019:

The coronavirus outbreak may accelerate this shift and pull countries such as Indonesia, Ethiopia and the Philippines closer to global supply chains. Each country has a limited ability to absorb production from China because of institutional bottlenecks and a smaller population. But together they offer a modest amount of diversification for multinationals. A wholesale exit of global companies out of China would be a different story, but this is vanishingly unlikely.

Meanwhile, some production may return to the U.S. from China. But this is likely to be capital-intensive stuff—heavy industry and complex manufacturing. Those are things best done by machine tools and robots instead of by human hands. High U.S. wages mean that a wave of reshoring from China will do little to counteract the trend toward automation in manufacturing, meaning that any gain in U.S. jobs will be minuscule.

And those are just the effects from trade diversion. Although much ink is spilled over the zero-sum competition for multinational companies' investment dollars, the truth is that the amount of economic activity in the world isn't fixed. Coronavirus is likely to lower China's growth, meaning less demand for U.S.-made products. The disruption of supply chains will also lead to higher prices and possibly even shortages, hurting the U.S. economy. The impact of slower Chinese growth on jobs is likely to outweigh any benefit from reshoring.

So Ross's comments aren't just callous; they reflect a flawed understanding of the global economy. The Trump administration's conception of international trade as a zero-sum game between nations tells only a small part of the story. The reality is that when one country suffers, especially one as big and important as China, most others tend to suffer as well.



# Chenot coronavirus

I naminasa ekonomian iya Marianas ni machalapun sagun Coronavirus gi enteru elmundu. Todu kareran ruplanu ginen China mana fan para pot ginen siudan nina nai ha tutuhongue i chenot.

Mauleg na fondu (kase \$40 miyon) maliñgu guine ginen machalapun este na pesti. Mauleg sa trabiha ti mafattu mage Marianas. Guaha esta manpininu gi otu tanu siha pot diskuidu. Mauleg fotmat na areglu para uma-ataha i chenot ni World Health Organization (WHO).

Gi mismu i hagas “sagu” sino “flu” guine mas pipinu ke i coronavirus. Todu karera para iya China ma-utut tod pot para uma-ataha i chenot dimas de umachalapun. Enfin, karera ginen China esta otu nasyon siha oriya yan chagu mana para na semana.

## Suetdu

Pot otu, i suetdun 15-mit na empleau ni gumagana suetdun popble umestotba-yu pot makat gi maprebeniyen nesessidat familia, diariamente. Namanman i taya aksion ginen i hegsu I Deni. Haf gi asuntu ti in komprende?

Hu komprende pinebble pot ginen un popblen guma-yu ni dumañkulu. Hu komprende haf didog na chinatsaga nai diari un fana mattirun tinaya. Kontodu hagas tinanum sune gi tatten guma in hale para senan mame. Fina pus un popblen guma ni krumeansa ham man-la-la gi hilu animu na inaligau satbasion.

Asuntun ekonomia komplikau yan makat na atikulu. Debi tafan gai kinemprende haf sustansian yan siknifikasion i asuntu. Ti pot tatuñgu sumañgan “ekonomia” magpu i huegu. Seriosu na estuidu ha nesessita. Man-listu hamyu?

## Leksion

Fina pus mañainata motmut ekspirensia pot hinanau niha. Hita rumesibe dispues i amtau na tiniñgu niha. Pot esta manginen ayu na patte gi ha anen tautau mina manma-apagat hit haf echu che chu tautau.

Guaha nai man-aguagat hit lau dispues tasoda na man-di-

nanche i man-mofona. Naturat na fina pus tautau. Magahet na hu agradese i suabe na inapagat pot no ta repite mismu linache. Agradesiyun na inapagat.

## Ina ayuda

Ina ayuda yan inapinitiyu ma ug na kustumbre gi halum natibu. Este na kustumbre rumeskata megai na familia gi halum pinadesen pinebble.

Gi halum pinebble man-a ayuda unu yan tod. Kau kineni peska pat kinisechan gualu mapatten adumididi gi unu yan tod. Ina ayuda metgut na patte gi kustumbren dikiki na komunidan isla. Namagof i gineftau tautau-ta siha gi hilu dididi na guinahan niha.

Maseha makat i karera lau tod i tiempu listu man-ayuda i natibu piot gi man-namase siha na prohimun niha. Huli e gineftau tautau-ta desde pinatgon-hu. Namagof i sensian trañkilida ni ha fotma petmanente gi halum tautau-ta siha.

## Chaleg

Nai pa gu mattu i Amerikanu guine ni unu gi manma-emplea tumuñgu finu Englis.

Managu i amun Amerikanu, “Make sure nobody takes the truck to CK or you’re fired”. Mafaisen un Chamoru para u translada, ilegña, “Managu i ma gas para ta sugun i karia siha para Chalan Kanoa sa kimassoson”. Dios mihu!

Ensegidas duru man-adulalag luchan Chalan Kanoa mienstras i ma gas ha konsidera haf guaha. Lache nai matranslada tinagoña. Lau man-nuebu mañainata gi finu Englis. Fire gi usun i ma gas para umana para gi che chu. I kinemprende pot kimasson.

## Infetmera

Huli e antes un infetmera sige ha dulug i man-malañgu siha. Gi mismu tiempu chatmata ya makat hali e i dikiki na letra gi buteyan amot.

Hu eskusayu para i kemun ya humahnanau-yu para i gima.

## By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Tatnai sisida para u doku otu talaña gi iluhu pot lache na amot ha fuegu-yu. Dios mihu!

## Guagat

I palabra kulan sañge pot ti sessu ha usa diariamente. Lau pot areglu gi famaguon. I patgon ni maguagat mauleg siempre kareraña, mirespetu yan ketu na kilisyanu. Namagof.

Pa gu i hasan ma-adiñgane ni mañaina puru che chu satbahe. Manadan usun kuatta para umana ketu. Areglu gi famaguon obligasiona ni mañaina. Guaha nai debi ha ta hatsa i kuatta para ta pañgun ñaihon heñiun niha.

Muñga nina pinite pot un areglu i patgon pot no u repite chumogue i lache. I areglu ni un pega u giniha gi kareraña. Obligation saina areglun halum guma familia!

## Planu

Hu hahassu dumeskansa mañge gi uttimun este na sakan. Kase mauleg ta baba i pahina para otu ni gai interes dumeskute asuntun linahyan siha guine.

Ti u fatta mansustansiau siha na asuntu ni mauleg ta diskute ni tautau tanu. Ginen inatuñgu nai guaha appottunadat madiskute asuntota siha nai u guaha kinemprende gi halum tod.

Agradesiyun an guaha mas pattisipasion ginen lamayot patte gi komunida. Mas libianu ta petsige satbasion problemata gi hilu inakomprende. Si Yuus Maase!

# The Nazis murdered my ancestors. So why do I want to become a German citizen?

August 1942 was a catastrophic month for my German ancestors.

On Aug. 5, the Nazis herded my great-grandfather onto a train in Berlin bound for the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Five days later and 650 miles away in Paris, they rounded up my grandfather, who had tried to escape to France, and forced him onto a transport headed to Auschwitz.

Both were exterminated at their final destinations, along with my great-grandmother, great-aunt and a distant cousin.

I am a Jewish American. And on Jan. 21, my 60th birthday, I plan to visit the German Embassy in Washington, D.C., to be naturalized as a German citizen, along with my three African American children.

Why am I making this unlikely choice, a Jew coming full circle on a bitter German history?

Therein lies a story about Germany’s terrible past, America’s troubling present and what I hope will be my children’s promising future.

My father was born in Berlin in September 1932. His German father, Heinrich Rothgiesser, was a prosperous Jewish businessman who owned a printing company; his mother, Edith, was a Jewish American citizen of German descent who was living in Germany at the time.

As Hitler rose to power during the first months of my father’s life, my grandmother Edith grew increasingly concerned about the safety of Jews in Germany. With her American perspective, she perceived the threat more clearly than my grandfather Heinrich, who, like so many German Jews at the time, believed that Adolf Hitler surely couldn’t last in the enlightened society of Germany’s Weimar Republic.

In the spring of 1933, after the Reichstag burned and the Nazis opened the first concentration camp at Dachau, my grandmother made a brave and momentous decision. Unable to persuade her husband to flee Germany, she boarded a ship bound for America with her infant son. She never saw Heinrich again.

Three years ago, I happened across an article about a unique provision in Germany’s constitution that was included as part of the nation’s efforts to make restitution to victims of the Holocaust. This provision, known as Article 116 (2), allows Germans (and their descendants) who “were deprived of their German citizenship on political, racial or religious grounds” during the Nazi era from 1933-45 to apply to have their German citizenship

restored. The ultimate deprivation of citizenship, of course, was being murdered in a concentration camp.

So I put in an application for myself and my children (unfortunately, spouses of descendants are not eligible). That meant gathering evidence about my ancestors and finding proof of their persecution. Because the Nazis kept meticulous records of the Jews who were sent to the camps—records that can be accessed at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington—I was able to find evidence of the actual transport that carried my grandfather to Auschwitz (Train No. D 901/12), the date my great-grandfather’s corpse was shoved into a furnace

My decision to apply for German citizenship was not a political statement. ... But it was a decision borne, at least in part, of my growing unease about the racism that feels like it’s been steadily worsening in our country...

at Theresienstadt (April 18, 1943), and many other grim details.

My decision to apply for German citizenship was not a political statement: I submitted the paperwork at the German Embassy in Washington four days before the November 2016 presidential election. But it was a decision borne, at least in part, of my growing unease about the racism that feels like it’s been steadily worsening in our country ever since Barack Obama was elected in 2008 and the reactionary backlash against our first African American president began.

Certainly racism is nothing new in America; it’s our original sin. Slavery is a living memory for my wife’s family. She is as close to it as her late grandmother, whose own great-grandparents were enslaved.

## By HOWARD WITT

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That bitter legacy of white supremacy infests our legal, social and commercial institutions to this day, although for much of my life, social norms at least suppressed the most public expressions of hatred in our civic dialogues. But lately that racism has come roaring back into the open. The Charleston, S.C., church massacre in 2015, the August 2017 attacks in Charlottesville, Va., the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, repeated police killings of black men—these are only a few of the most headline-grabbing examples.

I understand that Germany is hardly immune from these trends. Racist and neo-Nazi attacks on Muslim immigrants and German Jews have risen in recent years, especially in cities in the former East Germany.

Yet it seems to me, from my occasional visits to the country, that Germany is at least attempting to forthrightly confront these exposed veins of illiberal, white supremacist and nationalist sentiments. Which is more, alas, than I can say for my own country today.






Our family is not actually intending to move to Germany. We are first and foremost Americans, committed to trying to make our nation a better place. But I would be lying if I did not admit that we can now take some comfort in knowing we have a place to go if our democracy, lately wobbling under profound strains, were ever to actually collapse—a prospect that no longer seems so unimaginable.

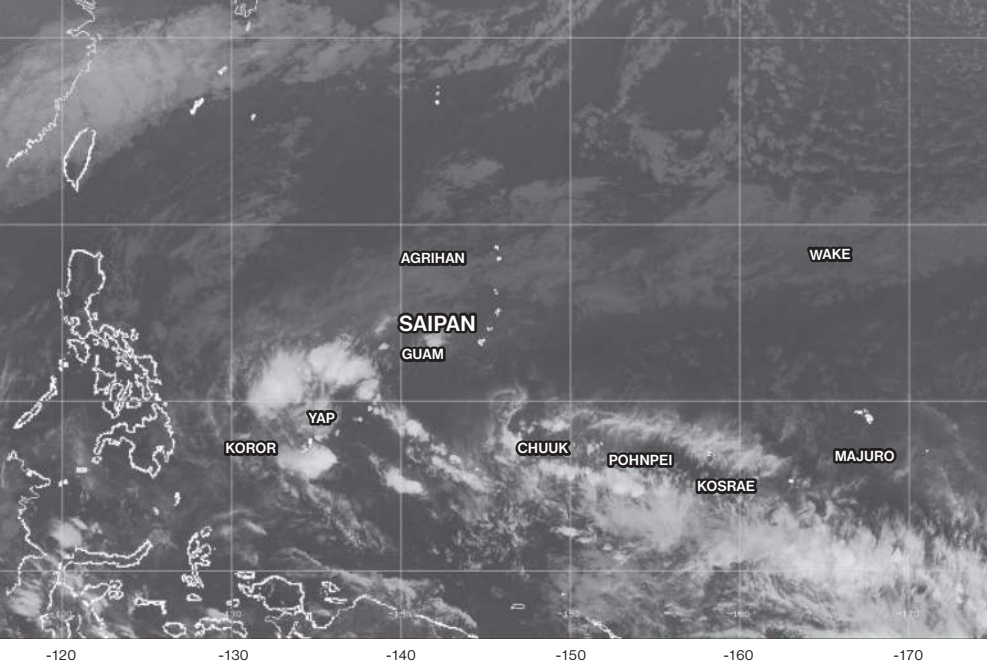
And on a much brighter note, now that my kids are citizens of the European Union, the doors are wide open for them to choose someday to live and work in Germany or any one of the other EU nations.

That’s a rare privilege, one we will never forget, that we now enjoy only because my ancestors were forced into cattle cars during a terrifying week in August 78 years ago.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
									
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Partly cloudy with isolated showers.		Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	
88°	77°	88°	77°	88°	77°	88°	77°	87°	77°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



**PICTURE TIME: 9:02 AM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows that the bulk of the cloudiness associated with the shear line has shifted north of Saipan, but radar still shows some scattered light showers across the region. Trade winds have decreased to moderate to fresh, and seas are indicated at 7 to 8 feet at the buoys, with north and east swell present.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA			▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	84° / 76°			
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°			
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°			
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°			
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°			
Kosrae	Windy	86° / 79°			
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	86° / 81°			

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	73° / 63°			
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	36° / 19°			
Hong Kong	Showers	70° / 63°			
Honolulu	Showers	80° / 67°			
London	Partly Cloudy	46° / 36°			
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	67° / 47°			
Manila	Partly Cloudy	88° / 75°			
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	79° / 61°			
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	79° / 72°			
New York	Showers	46° / 34°			
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	39° / 30°			
Paris	Mostly Sunny	48° / 32°			
Busan	Mostly Sunny	41° / 34°			
Rome	Sunny	57° / 37°			
Salem	Showers	70° / 63°			
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	55° / 43°			
Seoul	Sunny	32° / 16°			
Tokyo	Sunny	43° / 28°			
Washington, DC	Showers	52° / 39°			



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:57 AM	HIGH TIDE		1.40
10:26 AM	LOW TIDE		1.09
3:32 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.56
11:15 PM	LOW TIDE		-0.26

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:45 AM	6:16 PM
Thursday	6:45 AM	6:17 PM
Friday	6:44 AM	6:17 PM
Saturday	6:44 AM	6:17 PM
Sunday	6:44 AM	6:18 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	2:40 AM	2:18 PM
Thursday	-	3:37 AM	3:12 PM
Friday	-	4:36 AM	4:11 PM
Saturday	-	5:34 AM	5:14 PM
Sunday	-	6:31 AM	6:18 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2020							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA156	6:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6	UA112	4:45pm	5:26pm	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
SKY816	4:35pm	7:30pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	SKY811	10:15am	3:00pm	Daily
SKY816	5:05pm	8:00pm	6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:20am	6:30am	Daily	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
				7C3452	10:05pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:05am	6:05am	Daily	OZ6233	7:30am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6
OZ626	2:10am	6:05am	1	OZ623	8:10am	1:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ626	3:35am	7:20am	4	TW309	11:10am	4:40pm	Daily
7C3403	4:35am	8:35am	Daily	OZ625	7:30pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ6243	3:10pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6	TW307	7:45pm	1:05am+1	Daily
OZ624	3:30pm	7:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	OZ625	9:05pm	2:25am+1	3
TW310	5:40pm	10:15pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:35am	1 via ICN	UA189/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:35am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/625	12:05pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	OZ702/625	12:05pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN
UA156/183	6:20pm	9:50pm	Daily via GUM	UA192/174	10:40pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA156/193	6:20pm	11:50pm	2 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				OZ704/6233	11:45pm	12:50pm+1	2, 4, 6 via ICN
				OZ704/623	11:45pm	1:40pm+1	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
				OZ704/6233	11:45pm	12:50pm+1	2, 4, 6 via ICN
				OZ704/623	11:45pm	1:40pm+1	1, 3 via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/6233	12:35am	12:50pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ746/623	12:35am	1:40pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:35am	11:50am	4 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7 last flight on Feb 9	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				OZ722/625	1:15pm	2:25am+1	3 via ICN
OZ6243/9661	3:10pm	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN	UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7 last flight on Feb 2
OZ624/9661	3:30pm	11:15pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6 last flight on Feb 8

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily	2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA				2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
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SAIPAN TO TINIAN				2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
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1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily	2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
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# Business

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**WASHINGTON (AP)**—For companies bracing for losses from China's viral outbreak, the damage has so far been delayed, thanks to a stroke of timing: The outbreak hit just when Chinese factories and many businesses were closed anyway to let workers travel home for the week-long Lunar New Year holiday.

But the respite won't last.

If much of industrial China remains on lockdown for the next few weeks—a very real possibility—Western retailers, auto companies and manufacturers that depend on Chinese imports will start to run out of the goods they depend on.

In order to meet deadlines for summer goods, retail experts say that Chinese factories would need to start ramping up production by March 15. If Chinese factories were instead to remain idle through May 1, it would likely cripple retailers' crucial back-to-school and fall seasons.

"There's complete uncertainty," said Steve Pasierb, CEO of the Toy Industry Association. "This could be huge if it goes on for months."

Wuhan, the Chinese city where the outbreak hit hardest, is a center of automotive pro-

duction. It's been closed off, along with neighboring cities, isolating more than 50 million people and bringing factories to a standstill.

So far, U.S. automakers haven't had to curb production for want of Chinese parts. But David Closs, professor emeritus at Michigan State University's Department of Supply Chain Management, said the clock is ticking.

"I would say it's weeks at the most," Closs said. "One to two to three weeks."

The partial shutdown of Wuhan has already harmed the production of TV display panels and raised prices, according to a report by research group IHS Markit. The city has five factories making liquid crystal displays, known as LCDs, and organic light-emitting diodes, known as OLEDs, both of which are used for television and laptop monitors. China accounts for more than half of the global production of these display panels.

David Hsieh, an analyst at IHS Markit, said in a report that "these factories are facing shortages of both labor and key components as a result of mandates designed to limit the contagion's spread," leading suppliers to raise panel prices more aggressively.

Phone-maker Motorola,

## Clock is ticking for companies that depend on China imports



A volunteer stands in front of a Communist Party flag as he takes the temperature of a scooter driver at a roadside checkpoint in Hangzhou in eastern China's Zhejiang Province, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020.

which has a facility in Wuhan, said that so far, it expects little impact because it has a flex-

ible global supply chain and multiple factories around the world. Its priority has been the

welfare of local employees, Motorola, which is owned by the Chinese electronics giant Lenovo, said in a statement.

Apple CEO Tim Cook told analysts last week that the company's contractors in China had been forced to delay reopening factories that closed for the Lunar New Year holiday. Cook said the company is seeking ways to minimize supply disruptions. Some of its suppliers are in Hubei, the Chinese province at the center of the outbreak. Most of Apple's iPhones and other devices are made in China.

In the meantime, economists are sharply downgrading the outlook for China's economy, the world's second-biggest. Tommy Wu and Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics have slashed their forecast for Chinese economic growth this year from 6% to 5.4%. They expect most of the damage to be inflicted in the first three months of 2020.

"But a more serious and long-lasting impact cannot be ruled out," they wrote Monday.

Forecasters are contending with unknowns. No one knows how long the outbreak will last, how much damage it will cause or how policymakers will respond to the threat.

"We're grasping for precedents," said Phil Levy, chief economist at the freight company Flexport who was an economic adviser in the administration of President George W. Bush.

Some look back to the SARS outbreak, which paralyzed the Chinese economy for the first few months of 2003. But the damage from SARS faded quickly: China was booming again by year's end. And the world economy emerged mostly unscathed.

But times have changed in ways that are not favorable to containing the economic damage. Back then, China was the world's workshop for cheap goods—toys and sneakers, for instance. Now, China has moved up to sophisticated machine parts and electronics like LCDs. And it accounts for about 16% of global economic output, up significantly from just 4% in 2003.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Mall owners among group bidding \$81 million for Forever 21

A consortium of buyers, including mall owners Simon Property Group and Brookfield Property Partners, is bidding \$81 million for Forever 21, the ubiquitous mall staple that filed for bankruptcy protection in September. Simon and Brookfield are Forever 21's biggest landlords. The other bidder is Authentic Brands Group, which has acquired the licensing rights to other troubled retailers like Barneys New York. In 2016, Simon and mall owner General Growth Properties, which is now owned by Brookfield Property Partners, teamed up to save struggling teen apparel retailer Aeropostale, which was in bankruptcy. Simon's Chairman and CEO David Simon told investors during an earnings call last year that Simon was looking

at other potential bankrupt retailers. (AP)

#### Survey: U.S. factories expand for first time since July

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—U.S. factories expanded unexpectedly last month, snapping a five-month losing streak. The Institute for Supply Management, an association of purchasing managers, said Monday that its manufacturing index rose to 50.9 in January from 47.8 in December. Anything above 50 signals expansion. The index had showed U.S. manufacturing contracting from August through December, partly because President Donald Trump's trade war with China had raised costs and uncertainty. Economists had expected another bad month in January. But new orders, production and export orders all grew last month. Factory

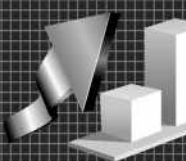
hiring dropped for the sixth straight month but at a slower pace than it did in December. Factories, the ISM said, were struggling to find workers at a time when the unemployment rate is at a 50-year low 3.5%. The rebound was narrow. Only eight of 18 industries reported growth, led by furniture companies. And the outbreak of a new virus in China threatens the supply chains that manufacturers rely on. "The coronavirus is a negative that has got me concerned," said Timothy Fiore, chair of the ISM's manufacturing survey committee.

#### Jeff Bezos sued by girlfriend's brother for defamation

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Michael Sanchez, the brother of Jeff Bezos's girlfriend, is suing the Amazon founder for defamation, alleging that Bezos and his team falsely told reporters

that Sanchez provided nude photos of Bezos to The National Enquirer. In the complaint filed Friday night in Los Angeles, Sanchez, a Hollywood talent manager, says he has lost clients and has been shunned by family and friends. The lawsuit doesn't specify how much money he is seeking. The lawsuit says Bezos began his affair with Sanchez's sister, Lauren, in 2017, when her production company was hired to do work for Bezos's space exploration company. The couple kept the relationship secret based on advice from a psychic in New Mexico, according to the complaint. The lawsuit alleges that in 2018, Lauren Sanchez approached her brother, who was her manager at the time, about leaking information about the affair to gossip website TMZ as a way to get ahead of the media and limit any backlash.

### STOCK PORTFOLIO



### LEADING INDICATORS

#### DOW

28,399.81  
+143.78  
.51%

#### S&P

3,248.92  
+23.40  
0.73%

#### NASDAQ

9,273.40  
+122.47  
1.34%

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.4890
British Pound	0.7680
Canadian Dollar	1.3288
Chinese Yuan	6.8754
Euro	0.9041

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7681
Indian Rupee	70.4991
Japanese Yen	108.7170
Malaysian Ringgit	4.0701
New Zealand Dollar	1.5457
Philippine Peso	49.7960

Russian Ruble	63.4521
Singapore Dollar	1.3710
South Korean Won	1165.33
Swiss Franc	0.9664
Taiwan Dollar	29.6899
Thailand Baht	30.8815



# Nation

## 1 dead, 5 wounded in shooting on Greyhound bus in California

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man cursing and muttering incoherently opened fire aboard a packed Greyhound bus in Southern California early Monday, killing one person and wounding five others in a seemingly random attack before passengers disarmed him, authorities and a witness said.

The driver of the Los Angeles-to-San Francisco bus pulled off onto the shoulder, where some of those aboard led the killer off the vehicle, and he was quickly taken into custody, California Highway Patrol Sgt. Brian Pennings said. The driver continued on to the next exit as passengers performed first aid on the wounded, he said.

The motive for the shooting was not immediately known, and there was no indication the gunman knew any of the victims, Pennings said. He said several ammunition magazines were discovered along with the gun.

The bus was traveling on Interstate 5 near the small mountain community of Lebec, about 70 miles (113



Source: Los Angeles Times  
Graphic: TNS

kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles, when the passenger started shooting with a semi-automatic handgun shortly before 1:30 a.m. Forty-three people were aboard, including 6- and 8-year-old children, who were not hurt.

The dead passenger was identified as a 51-year-old woman from Colombia. Two victims were hospitalized with serious injuries, Pennings said. The remaining passengers were later driven to Northern California on another bus.

Passenger Mark Grabban, 29, told The Associated Press that the gunman had been sitting with his leg sticking out into the aisle, muttering to himself incoherently.

"He was just saying weird stuff like 'you don't know me like that,' 'wait til we get to

the station,' 'get away from the dude in the striped shirt,'" Grabban said in a series of Instagram messages.

Suddenly, the man started cursing and shooting, Grabban said. Grabban hid beneath the seat in front of him. He said the gunman seemed to fire eight or nine shots that "seemed to go on forever." He added: "I was waiting for one to hit me."

"I thought I was shot because I felt a rush of heat on the back of my head as I went down," he said. "But I guess I just smashed my head on the seat as I went down to the floor."

Then, silence fell. The injured passengers began moaning, and others started panicking. It was dark outside and they couldn't see what the gunman was doing after he got off the bus. Grabban said the driver of the stopped vehicle asked over the loudspeaker if anyone had been hurt and did not immediately pull away. "Everyone was screaming at him to drive off," Grabban said.

Pennings said the driver's actions "were very appropri-

ate and one could say heroic." The officer gave no immediate details on how the passengers disarmed the killer or made him get off the bus.

Passengers told Grabban someone wrestled the gun away from the shooter, but he didn't witness it, he said.

No immediate charges were brought against the suspect, whose name was not released.

Grabban, who was sitting near the back of the bus with his girlfriend, picked up the gun's empty magazine clip and handed it to the driver. A casing ended up on Grabban's lap, and he noticed a bullet hole in the floor next to him.

"I saw the blood on the floor of the aisle," Grabban told NBC News. "I looked to the woman on the left, and she wasn't responding, wasn't moving or anything. She was lifeless."

Authorities were looking into whether a video camera aboard the vehicle captured the attack, which happened when the bus was at the top of Tejon Pass. It rises to an elevation of more than 4,100 feet (1,250 meters) in Lebec.

## 2 women killed, child hurt in shooting at Texas dormitory

COMMERCE, Texas (AP)—Two women were killed and a child was wounded in a shooting Monday morning at a university dormitory in Texas, officials said.

A recommendation for students and employees to shelter in place was lifted early Monday afternoon at Texas A&M University-Commerce, and police said there appeared to be no other threats. Officials have not identified the suspected shooter.

University police Chief Bryan Vaughn said officers responding to a call at about 10:17 a.m. found two dead women in a room at Pride Rock residence hall on the campus in Commerce, about 65 miles (105 kilometers) northeast of Dallas. He said a boy about 2 years old was also in the room and was taken to a hospital, where he was in stable condition.

Vaughn did not take questions after a news conference and did not say if the women were students.

The university canceled classes after the shooting and later said classes will not resume until Thursday.

The university lifted the shelter-in-place recommendation about an hour and a half



Source: AP, Graphic: TNS

after it was announced on Twitter. But the university said that even with the lifting of the recommendation, the residence hall and the surrounding area was still blocked off due to the ongoing investigation.

The university said the student center would be available for displaced students and that counselors were available there.

Larry Cooper III, a freshman who lives in the Pride Rock residence hall, told the Dallas Morning News that he left his room Monday just before the shelter-in-place was announced. He said he was waiting in a friend's room on the first floor of the residence hall.

## Bad start for Democrats: Big delay for leadoff Iowa results

By STEVE PEOPLES, THOMAS BEAUMONT and ALEXANDRA JAFFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—The Iowa Democratic Party said Monday night that results from the state's first-in-the-nation caucus were greatly delayed due to "quality checks" and new reporting rules, an embarrassing complication that added a new layer of doubt to an already uncertain presidential primary season.

The party said the problem was not a result of a "hack or an intrusion."

The statement came after Iowa voters packed caucus sites across the state with at least four leading candidates battling to win the opening contest of the 2020 campaign, and ultimately, the opportunity to take on President Donald Trump this fall.

Long before any significant results were released, the candidates pressed ahead with post-election rallies claiming momentum.

"It looks like it's going to be a long night, but we're feeling good," former Vice President



Caucus goes check in at a caucus at Roosevelt High School, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Joe Biden said, suggesting the final results would "be close." "We're in this for the long haul."

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders said he had "a good feeling we're going to be doing very, very well here in Iowa" once results were posted.

"Today marks the beginning of the end for Donald Trump," he predicted.

Democrats hoped that Iowa's caucuses would provide some clarity for what has been a mud-

dled nomination fight for much of the past year. But apparent technology issues delayed the results as the state party suggested turnout was on track to match 2016 numbers.

Party officials held a call with campaigns as concerns were growing over the delays.

Spokeswoman Mandy McClure said the party "found inconsistencies in the reporting of three sets of results."

"In addition to the tech sys-

tems being used to tabulate results, we are also using photos of results and a paper trail to validate that all results match and ensure that we have confidence and accuracy in the numbers we report," she said. "This is simply a reporting issue, the app did not go down and this is not a hack or an intrusion. The underlying data and paper trail is sound and will simply take time to further report the results."

## Phoenix couple are accused of concealing dead body for years

PHOENIX (AP)—A Phoenix couple accused of abusing three adopted children who have been removed from their custody allegedly concealed the dead body of another foster child in an attic for over two years, prosecutors said Monday.

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office filed a direct complaint charging both Rafael Loera, 56, and Maribel Loera, 50, with child abuse, abandonment or concealment of a dead body and arson of an occupied structure.

Skeletal remains were found Jan. 28 at the house by firefighters after smoke was seen coming from the family's home and the bones were later determined to be from a juvenile.

Hours before the fire, investigators from the Arizona Department of Child Safety had removed a 9-year-old boy and 4-year-old girl from the home over child abuse allegations.

Child welfare authorities began an investigation Jan. 20 when an 11-year-old girl called police to report she was home alone for two days and

was hungry and scared. The girl was removed from the home, but no other children were there at the time.

In court documents released Monday, county prosecutors said Rafael Loera, who was asked by investigators last month about an 11-year-old foster girl in the couple's care who had not seen or heard from 2017, said he falsely told authorities that the girl moved to Mexico before admitting that she was dead.

He said the child got sick in July 2017 but was not taken to a hospital for several days and later died, according to the compliant.

Rafael Loera said the body was wrapped in a sheet and placed in the attic, according to the compliant, and he and his wife didn't report the death to authorities because a forensic autopsy would likely show abuse injuries on the child.

The compliant said Rafael Loera moved the body to the home's backyard, siphoned gasoline from his van and set the house on fire because he was feeling hopeless and suicidal.



# Asia

## China virus death toll rises to 425, total cases now 20,438

**BEIJING (AP)**—The death toll in mainland China from the new type of virus has risen to 425, with the total number of cases now standing at 20,438, officials said Tuesday.

The new figures come after the country opened a new hospital built in 10 days, infused cash into tumbling financial markets and further restricted people's movement in hopes of containing the rapidly spreading virus and its escalating impact.

Japanese officials were deciding whether to quarantine more than 3,000 people on a cruise ship that carried a passenger who tested positive for the virus.

The latest figures are up from 361 deaths and 17,205 confirmed cases.

Other countries are continuing evacuations and restricting the entry of Chinese or people who have recently traveled in the country. In the province at the epicenter of the outbreak, a specialized 1,000-bed hospital started treating patients and a second hospital with 1,500 beds is to open within days.

Other countries continued evacuating citizens from hardest-hit Hubei province and restricted the entry of Chinese or people who recently traveled to the country. The World Health Organization said the number of cases will keep growing because tests are pending on thousands of suspected cases.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, presiding over a special meeting of the country's top Communist Party body for the second time since the



**AP**  
Workers arrange beds in a convention center that has been converted into a temporary hospital in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province, Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020.

crisis started, said "we have launched a people's war of prevention of the epidemic."

He told the Politburo standing committee that the country must race against time to curb the spread of the virus and that those who neglect their duties will be punished, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Medical teams from the People's Liberation Army were arriving in Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province, to relieve overwhelmed health workers and to staff the new

1,000-bed hospital, located in the countryside far from the city center.

Its prefabricated wards are equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and ventilation systems. A second hospital with 1,500 beds is due to open within days.

China's Shanghai Composite stock index plunged nearly 8% on the first day of trading after the Lunar New Year holiday, despite a central bank announcement that it was putting 1.2 trillion yuan (\$173 billion)

into the markets.

"We are fully confident in and capable of minimizing the epidemic's impact on the economy," Lian Weiliang, deputy chief of the National Development and Reform Commission, said at a news conference in Beijing.

Hong Kong's leader, Carrie Lam, announced that the semi-autonomous territory will shut almost all but two land and sea border crossings with the mainland at midnight to stem the spread of the virus.

Only the land checkpoints at Shenzhen Bay and the bridge to Macao and Zhuhai will remain open.

More than 2,000 hospital workers went on strike earlier in the day, demanding a complete closure of the border, and their union has threatened a bigger walkout Tuesday.

Hong Kong was hit hard by SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, in 2002-03, an illness from the same family of viruses as the current outbreak and which many believe

was intensified by official Chinese secrecy and obfuscation.

Chinese scientists said they have more evidence that it likely originated in bats. In a study published in the journal Nature, Shi Zhen-Li and colleagues at the Wuhan Institute of Virology reported that genome sequences from seven patients were 96% identical to a bat coronavirus.

SARS is also believed to have originated in bats, although it jumped to civet cats before infecting people. Scientists suspect the latest outbreak began at a seafood market in Wuhan where wild animals were on sale and in contact with people.

Meanwhile, Japanese health officials said a passenger on a Japanese-operated cruise ship tested positive for the virus after leaving the vessel in Hong Kong on Jan. 25.

The Diamond Princess returned to Yokohama carrying more than 3,000 passengers and crew after making port calls in Vietnam, Taiwan and Okinawa. A team of quarantine officials and medical staff boarded the ship Monday and began medical checks of everyone on board, a health ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity in keeping with department rules.

**BEIJING (AP)**—Hong Kong hospitals cut services Tuesday as medical workers were striking for a second day to demand the border with mainland China be shut completely to ward off a virus that caused its first death in the semi-autonomous territory.

All but two of Hong Kong's land and sea crossings with the mainland were closed at midnight after more than 2,000 hospital workers went on strike Monday. As many as 9,000 medical workers could join a bigger walkout Tuesday to demand closure of the border across which tens of thousands of people continue to travel daily.

Hong Kong's Hospital Authority said it was cutting back services because "a large number of staff members are absent from duty" and "emergency services in public hospitals have been affected."

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### Hospitals cut services as worried Hong Kong has 1st death

an illness from the same family of viruses as the current outbreak. Trust in Chinese authorities has plummeted following months of anti-government protests in the Asian financial hub.

The mainland's latest figures of 425 deaths and 20,438 confirmed infections of the new coronavirus were up from 361 deaths and 17,205 cases the previous day. Outside mainland China, at least 180 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, in Hong Kong and the Philippines.

The patient who died in Hong Kong was a 39-year-old man who had traveled to Wuhan, the mainland city that has been the epicenter of the outbreak, before being hospitalized. The Hospital Authority said Tuesday he had existing health conditions but did not give details.

Most cases of the illness

have been mild, but most who died have been older people with other ailments such as diabetes or heart disease.

China has struggled to maintain supplies of masks to filter out the virus, along with protective suits and other key articles, as it seeks to enforce temperature checks at homes, offices, shops and restaurants, require masks be worn in public and keep more than 50 million people from leaving home in Wuhan and neighboring cities.

To help meet demand, the European Union office in Beijing said member states have shipped 12 tons of protective equipment to China, with more on the way.

Late Monday, China's President Xi Jinping presided over a special meeting of the top Communist Party body for the second time since the crisis started, saying "we have launched a people's war of

prevention of the epidemic." Xi threatened punishments for those who neglect their duties will be punished, state broadcaster CCTV reported.

Other countries are continuing evacuations and restricting the entry of Chinese or people who have recently traveled in the country. A plane carrying Malaysians from Wuhan arrived in Kuala Lumpur and the 133 people on board were to be screened and quarantined for 14 days, the maximum incubation period for the virus.

Taiwan on Monday flew home 247 of its citizens from Wuhan and had sent three passengers for treatment after they were found to have fever or sore throats. The other passengers are being quarantined at medical facilities for the next two weeks.

Germany's Lufthansa became the latest international airline to suspend flights to

China, and several countries are barring Chinese travelers or people who passed through China recently.

In Wuhan, patients were being transferred to a new 1,000-bed hospital that officials hope will improve isolation to stem the virus's spread. It was built in just 10 days, its prefabricated wards equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and ventilation systems. A 1,500-bed hospital also specially built for patients infected with the new virus is due to open within days.

With no end to the outbreak in sight, authorities in Hubei and elsewhere extended the Lunar New Year holiday break, due to end this week, well into February to try to keep people at home and reduce the spread of the virus. All Hubei schools are postponing the start of the new semester until further notice, as a many in Beijing, Shanghai

and elsewhere.

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On Tuesday, the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said a 42-year-old South Korean woman tested positive for the virus, days after she returned from a trip to Thailand with chills and other symptoms.

It is South Korea's 16th case. Thailand has confirmed 19 cases, mostly Chinese tourists but also in a Thai taxi driver.

A passenger on a Japanese-operated cruise ship tested positive after leaving the vessel while it was in Hong Kong, and Japanese officials were conducting medical checks on the more than 3,000 people on board Tuesday.



# World

## 8 Turkish personnel, 13 Syrian troops killed in north Syria

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)**—Turkey hit targets in northern Syria, responding to shelling by Syrian government forces that killed at least eight Turkish soldiers and civilian contractors, Turkey's president said Monday. A Syrian war monitor said 13 Syrian troops were also killed.

Syrian activists said airstrikes in the country's northern, rebel-held region also killed at least nine civilians Monday.

The exchange of fire inside Syria between Ankara and Damascus came hours after a large Turkish military convoy entered the northwestern province of Idlib, the last rebel stronghold in Syria. The fighting is likely to further increase tensions between the two neighboring countries, as such direct clashes have been rare. It could also cause friction between Russia and Turkey,

which have sought to coordinate their actions in Syria.

Earlier, Turkey's National Defense Ministry said the Turkish forces were sent to Idlib as reinforcements and were attacked there despite having previously given their coordinates to local authorities. It said Turkish forces responded to the attack, destroying targets.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said five servicemen and three civilian contractors were killed by Syrian government forces. Speaking at a news conference on a visit to Ukraine, he accused Syria's ally Russia of "turning a blind eye" to the government offensive in Idlib. He added that Turkey has shown patience, but the "developments in Idlib have become increasingly intolerable."

Erdogan claimed the Syrian advance has pushed over



1 million people to flee toward the border with Turkey. The country already hosts 3.5 million Syrian refugees.

The U.N. provided a lower estimate Monday, saying that half a million people have been displaced since Dec. 1 due to the hostilities, around 80% of them women and children. U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' message

to both Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin was to "deescalate" the situation in Idlib, said U.N. spokesman Stéphane Dujarric.

Idlib province is home to some 3 million people, many of them displaced from other parts of Syria in earlier bouts of violence.

The latest Syrian government offensive has been advancing since December into the country's last rebel stronghold, which spans Idlib province and parts of the nearby Aleppo region. Turkish troops are deployed in some of those rebel-held areas to monitor an earlier cease-fire that was agreed to, but has since collapsed.

Erdogan earlier said Turkish warplanes were involved in Monday's clashes and claimed that there were between 30 and 35 casualties on the Syrian side, but offered no evidence.

He said Russia was told that Ankara would not stand for any "situation where we are prevented" from responding to Syrian assaults.

"It is not possible for us to remain silent when our soldiers are being martyred," Erdogan said.

The deaths were one of the highest single-day tolls for Turkish troops in Syria. Ankara has lost scores of military personnel in the Syrian war.

Erdogan's communications

director Fahrettin Altun called on Russia to rein in Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces.

The exchange occurred near the Syrian flashpoint town of Saraqeb, according to the the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring group. It added that Turkish troops shelled Syrian army positions in three provinces, killing eight soldiers in Idlib, three in Latakia province and two in the Hama region.

## Ukraine: Recordings show Iran knew that jetliner hit by missile

**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)**—A leaked recording of an exchange between an Iranian air-traffic controller and an Iranian pilot purports to show that authorities immediately knew a missile had downed a Ukrainian jetliner after takeoff from Tehran, killing all 176 people aboard, despite days of denials by the Islamic Republic.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy acknowledged the recording's authenticity in a report aired by a Ukrainian television channel on Sunday night.

In Tehran on Monday, the head of the Iranian investigation team, Hassan Rezaeifar, acknowledged the recording was legitimate and said that it was handed over to Ukrainian officials.

After the Jan. 8 disaster, Iran's civilian government

maintained for days that it didn't know the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, answerable only to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had shot down the aircraft. The downing of the jetliner came just hours after the Guard launched a ballistic missile attack on Iraqi bases housing U.S. forces in retaliation for an earlier American drone strike that killed the Guard's top general, Qassem Soleimani, in Baghdad.

A transcript of the recording, published by Ukrainian 1+1 TV channel, contains a conversation in Farsi between an air-traffic controller and a pilot reportedly flying a Fokker 100 jet for Iran's Aseman Airlines from Iran's southern city of Shiraz to Tehran.

## UN health agency also tackles misinformation over virus outbreak

**GENEVA (AP)**—The World Health Organization chief has traveled a dozen times to monitor the Ebola response in Congo. But when he planned to visit China's capital last week over a new viral outbreak emerging from central Hubei province, his daughter got worried.

"Before I left for Beijing, my daughter was saying, 'Oh, you should not go,'" WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus confided to the U.N. health agency's executive board in a public session on Monday.

The account exemplifies the fine line WHO officials are navigating between fear about the new coronavirus and hopes of increasing international preparedness over an outbreak that has taken more than 360 lives and infected at least 17,238 people in China since late December—and could become a pandemic. So far, growth has been exponential in China, but elsewhere cases remain under 150, scattered across nearly

two dozen countries.

"Instead of spending time on fear and panic, we should say this is the time to prepare," Tedros said. "Because 146 cases, by any standard, is very low."

As governments clamp down on travel to China, airlines suspend flights and Chinese nationals fret about rising xenophobia and ostracism, WHO is calibrating a message of praise to Chinese officials and trying to focus on the epicenter—Wuhan city and surrounding Hubei province—to keep the virus from spiraling out of control. It also wants to help get weaker health systems ready.

Before he left for the meeting with President Xi Jinping last week, Tedros reassured his daughter: "It's ok, it's not all over China."

"Even in China, the virus is not evenly spread everywhere, and the risk is not the same," he recalled. "When I was in Beijing, what we had discussed with the authorities is that our concentrated effort should be in the epicenters, or the sources of the virus."



### BLOODIED BUT DETERMINED

In this Jan. 27, 2020 photo, anti-government protesters, who were injured during clashing with riot police, pose for a group picture after a check up with an ophthalmologist at a hospital in Beirut, Lebanon. The five pledged that they'll be back in the streets soon. Such resolve signals that demands for sweeping government reforms won't be squashed easily, even as security forces resort to more violent means of crowd control, such as rubber bullets. AP

## Damaged Air Canada plane lands in Spain after tense hours

**MADRID (AP)**—Passengers on an Air Canada Boeing 767 that made a safe emergency landing in Madrid Monday evening have described how they spent hours flying in circles to burn fuel in a tense calm.

Toronto-bound flight AC837, carrying 128 passengers, departed from the Spanish capital in the early afternoon but had to request an emergency return almost immediately after one of its two engines was damaged and a tire ruptured during takeoff.

Brock Mierzejewski, from Vancouver, who was on the plane with his parents, told The Associated Press: "Obviously a lot of nervous tension while we were in the air, but the pilots did a terrific job

landing the plane."

"We are still in a little bit of shock but glad to be safe," Mierzejewski said shortly after the plane landed at the Adolfo Suárez-Barajas international airport. It was quickly surrounded by emergency vehicles, firefighting trucks and ambulances.

There was no immediate information on what had caused the malfunction.

"Landed safely, everything is ok!" said Guido Fioravanti, from New York, whose father was on the plane and had told him that the cabin had remained "calm and collected" during the ordeal.

"Pilots train for this a lot, so no reason to panic. It's also more common than many people

would think," Fioravanti said.

The plane spent close to four hours flying in circles near Madrid, burning off fuel before it was light enough for landing. Spain's Defense Ministry dispatched an F18 fighter jet to evaluate the damage done to the landing gear.

In a statement, the airline said the plane "experienced an engine issue shortly after take-off" from the same airport, as well as a ruptured tire—one of 10 on the Boeing 767-300. It added that the aircraft "is designed to operate on one engine and our pilots are fully trained for this eventuality."

"Nonetheless, an emergency was declared in order to obtain landing priority," Air Canada said.

A spokeswoman with Spain's airport operator, AENA, told the AP that the airline had requested a slot for an emergency landing some 30 minutes after takeoff.

A spokesman for Enaire, Spain's air navigation authority, said the plane's landing gear did not fold up properly on taking off and that a piece of it may have damaged part of one of the engines.

The officials were not authorized to be named in media reports.

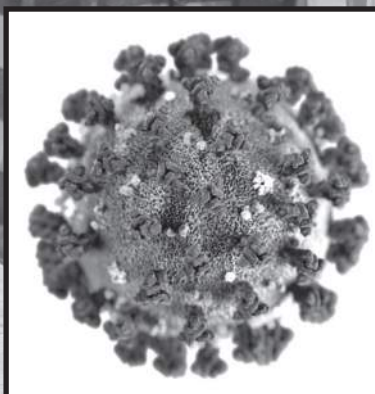
It was the second incident of the day at Madrid's international airport, the busiest in the country. Earlier on Monday, the airport closed for over an hour due to the reported sighting of drones in the vicinity.



## Focus

# Experts prepare but new China virus NOT A PANDEMIC YET

People wear masks at a shopping district in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020. Inset, illustration provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in January 2020 shows the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). AP



By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

**H**ealth authorities are preparing for a possible pandemic as they work to contain a respiratory illness in China that's caused by a new virus. Governments are limiting travel, isolating sick people and keeping travelers returning from the affected region under quarantine to watch for symptoms.

In the United States, the scope and cost of the government response is increasing. U.S. health officials already have tapped into a \$105 million rapid response fund and notified Congress that they may need \$136 million more.

Here's what you should know about the illness:

## IS IT A PANDEMIC?

Not yet. The virus is an epidemic in China, where more than 17,000 cases have been reported, but has not affected enough people around the globe to be considered a pandemic. So far, other countries have reported only a few dozen cases, most involving travelers returning from China and their close contacts.

And while there have been more than 360 deaths, all but one has been in China.

Based on the way the virus spread in China, investigators believe each infection has led to an average of 2.2 others getting sick. That's a bit more than ordinary flu but less than SARS, severe acute respiratory syndrome, a genetic cousin of the new virus.

Governments are preparing for a possible pandemic and taking actions to prevent one.

The World Health Organization designates a pandemic when there are outbreaks on at least two continents. So far, WHO has called this a "public health emergency of international concern."

The 2009 H1N1 influenza virus reached pandemic level. Now, H1N1 is a regular flu virus that circulates around the globe seasonally.

## WHAT IS THE NEW VIRUS?

Scientists have identified it as a new coronavi-

rus. The name comes from the Latin word for crowns or halos, which coronaviruses resemble under a microscope. The coronavirus family has many types that affect people. Some cause the common cold while others originating in bats, camels and other animals have evolved into more severe illnesses such as SARS or MERS, Middle East respiratory syndrome.

## WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

The first cases appeared in December in Wuhan, a city in central China's Hubei province. Many of the first people infected had visited or worked at the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan, which has since been closed for an investigation. Chinese health officials say they believe the illness first spread from animals to people. They now say it can spread between people.

## WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. In serious cases, the virus can cause pneumonia. Some patients have needed oxygen. Others have had only mild illness.

It's too early to say whether the new virus will fade out as cold and flu viruses do when winter ends. If it does, a second wave of illness could start up in the fall. By then, there may be a vaccine to slow it down.

## HOW IS IT TREATED?

The World Health Organization has said there is not a specific medicine recommended to treat the illness, although some will be tested. For now, doctors are treating symptoms with anti-fever drugs. Some doctors are trying antiviral drugs developed for HIV or Ebola.

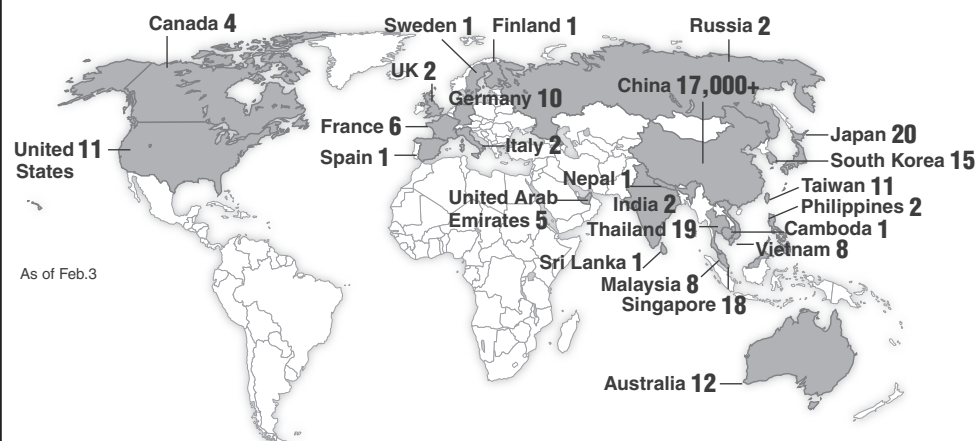
## HOW IS IT SPREADING?

Many coronaviruses can spread through coughing or sneezing, or by touching an infected person. Scientists believe the new virus can spread from person to person in close contact through the respiratory tract.

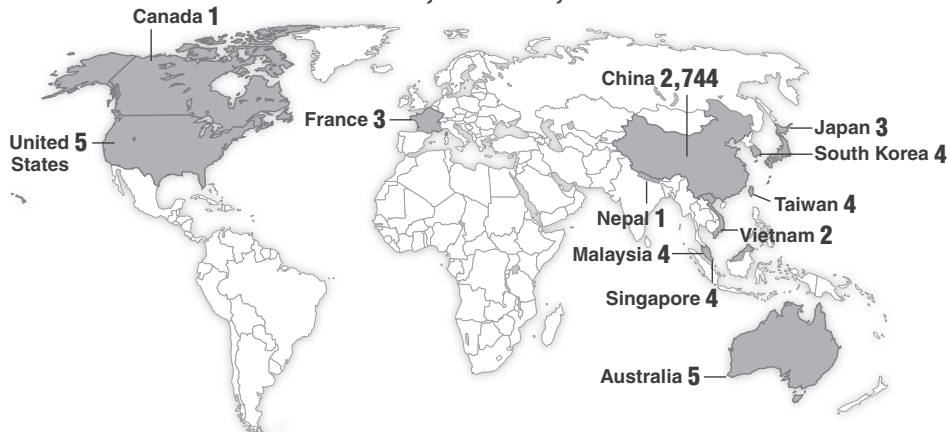
Masks can block large droplets from sneezes and coughs. They also can stop people from touching their own mouths and noses, another way to stop germs. Experts say the best way to avoid getting sick from any virus is washing hands with soap and water.

## Coronavirus cases near 20,000

Health authorities released updated figures of 361 deaths and 17,205 confirmed cases, an increase of 2,829 over a 24-hour period.



Jan. 27: 2,744 cases, 81 deaths



Jan. 21: 296 cases, 6 deaths



Source: AP, BBC, CDC, WHO  
Graphic: Staff, TNS



# Good Housekeeping

## 10 home renovations to make before you retire

By LAURA WOODS  
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Retirement is on the horizon, and you're thinking about relocating to another city. But before you sell your current house, you might want to consider remodeling parts of your home to increase its value.

### 1 Garage door replacement

If your garage door is notably banged up or glaringly outdated, consider having a new one installed as part of your home improvement initiative. Doing so can seriously increase the curb appeal of your residence, which will draw more buyers in.

A garage door replacement is a relatively inexpensive home renovation, with the national average price at just \$3,470. Expect it to boost your resale value by approximately \$3,411, which means you'll recoup 98 percent of the cost.

### 2 Install manufactured stone veneer

If your home looks good from the outside, buyers will want to see the inside. Make the front exterior of your home the most luxurious on the block by having manufactured stone veneer installed on top of your existing siding.

Unlike many home improvement projects, you can expect to recoup around 97.1 percent of your costs. Budget the national average rate of \$8,221 for this upgrade, and expect it to increase your home's resale value by an estimated \$7,986.

### 3 Deck addition

Buyers value a home with a nice outdoor space. Even if your local area only has a few warm months per year, chances are that whoever buys your home wants a deck to enjoy the pleasant weather while it lasts.

If your home doesn't have one, think about adding a new deck to your home renovation list. The national average cost of a wooden deck addition is \$10,950, but you should recover roughly \$9,065, which is an 82.8 percent return on investment. If you opt for a composite deck addition, plan to spend around \$17,668 and increase your resale value by roughly \$11,239, providing a 63.6 return on your investment.

### 4 Minor kitchen remodel

The kitchen is the most important room in the house in the mind of most buyers, according to real estate site Zillow. Consequently, if you can't remember the last time yours was upgraded, it should be a priority in your home renovations.

The national average cost of a mid-range minor kitchen remodel is \$21,198. It will add around \$17,193 to your resale value, so you'll recoup approximately 82.8 percent.

Since a kitchen remodel is often the most necessary but not the most lucrative home renovation, Zillow recommends focusing on the most eye-catching areas, including countertops, cabinets, appliances, outlets, backsplash and flooring. In some cases, a coat of paint or a little sandpaper might make a world of difference, so try to salvage what you have before investing in all new upgrades.

### 5 Siding replacement

The shape of the siding on your home is the very first impression most buyers will have. If it's in poor condition or an outdated color, potential buyers might assume the inside matches the outside and keep on driving without stopping for a tour.

The national average cost of a siding replacement is \$15,072. This home improvement project should add around \$11,554 worth of resale value, which is a 76.7 percent return on investment.

Choosing the right siding colors makes all the difference, so Better Homes and Gardens recommends taking a number of factors into consideration, including the color scheme of your neighborhood and the architecture of your home. The magazine also suggests applying swatches of your favorite paint choices on different sides of your home and evaluating them at different times of day, so you can make an informed decision.

### 6 Bathroom remodel

If your bathroom has a blue tub or pink tile lining the walls, updating it in a home renovation will increase the resale value of your home. The national average cost of a mid-range bathroom remodel is \$19,134, and it garners a return on investment of

roughly \$13,422, which is 70.1 percent.

Because this home remodeling project is important but not necessarily the most profitable, handle it wisely. Repairing or replacing tile, floors and walls make a bathroom more appealing to buyers, according to home services site Angie's List. It also recommends adding a wow factor, such as a large glass shower enclosure, an attractive tile detail or a striking vanity.

### 7 Roof replacement

Most buyers aren't keen on purchasing a property and immediately having to sink even more cash into it. If your roof is nearing its expiration date, consider replacing it.

The national average cost of a roof replacement is \$20,939, and it adds approximately \$14,320 to your resale value, bringing your return on investment to 68.4 percent. Potential buyers might not immediately notice your home remodeling project, but a new roof could be a deciding factor for those very serious about making an offer.

### 8 Bathroom addition

Many older homes with multiple bedrooms were only built with one bathroom. While this setup worked fine for your family, modern buyers aren't so keen on having one bathroom for the entire household.

If most homes in the same price range in your local area have multiple bathrooms, you will probably benefit from adding another. The national average cost of a mid-range bathroom addition is \$44,717. This home improvement project will increase the value of your home by an estimated \$26,769, providing a 59.9 percent return on investment.

### 9 Major kitchen remodel

As noted earlier, the kitchen is a major focal point for buyers. If yours is in such bad shape that a minor kitchen remodel just won't cut it, you might want to spring for a major kitchen overhaul.

This type of home remodeling project would likely necessitate most — if not all — upgrades involved in a mid-range kitchen remodel plus something more involved, such as changing the entire layout of the room to a more functional, open setup.

The national average for a mid-range major kitchen overhaul is \$63,829. Expect to recoup about 59 percent of your investment, as it will add approximately \$37,637 to your resale value.

### 10 Master suite addition

You've done just fine all these years without a master suite, but this feature is coveted by many modern buyers. If this home renovation makes sense to attract buyers in your local market, consider building out a new master bedroom suite that includes a private bath, walk-in closet and dressing area.

Budget the national average cost of approximately \$123,420 for a mid-range master suite, and expect it to boost your resale value by around \$69,807, representing a 56.6 percent return on your investment.

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Life & Style

Rush Limbaugh says he’s been diagnosed with lung cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Conservative radio host and Republican kingmaker Rush Limbaugh said he’s been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer.



Limbaugh

Addressing listeners on his program Monday, Limbaugh said he will take some days off for further medical tests and to determine treatment.

“I have to tell you something today that I wish I didn’t have to tell you,” announced Limbaugh, 69. The cancer diagnosis was confirmed by two medical institutions in

late January after he experienced his only symptom so far, shortness of breath, on his Jan. 12 birthday weekend, he said.

He was reluctant to discuss personal matters and distract from his work, he said, and wasn’t seeking to cover up his illness. He realized it was better to be honest and avoid the speculation that would follow when he has to miss being on air for treatment or as the result of treatment, Limbaugh added.

“But it is what it is. And you know me, I’m the mayor

of Realville,” he said. “My intention is to come here every day I can. And to do this program as normally” and competently as usual.

He said he considers his listeners to be to be part of a “family type relationship” with him, adding that his job has given him the “greatest satisfaction and happiness” he’s experienced.

Limbaugh’s announcement comes at a tumultuous political time, as the conclusion of President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial nears.

“It’s shocking to the industry, and it should be shocking to the political establishment,”

Michael Harrison, publisher of Talkers magazine, the trade industry publication for talk radio, said of Limbaugh’s disclosure.

He started his first national radio show in 1988 from New

York, later relocating to Palm Beach, Florida.

The hyper-partisan broadcaster has dominated talk radio with a raucous, liberal-bashing style that made him

one of the most influential voices of American right-wing politics and inspired other conservative broadcasters including Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck and Bill O’Reilly.

Just under 100 million people watch Super Bowl on Fox

NEW YORK (AP)—The Super Bowl put a halt to a four-year decline in viewership, with an estimated 99.9 million people watching the Kansas City Chiefs come back to defeat the San Francisco 49ers in what is annually the most-watched television event of the year.

The Nielsen company said viewership rebounded slightly from the 98.5 million who

watched in 2019. An exciting game that featured a fourth quarter comeback and two teams that haven’t been in the ultimate game lately most likely helped drive public interest.

Super Bowl viewership had been slowly eroding since its peak in 2015, when 114.4 million watched a thrilling finish between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks.

By one measure, Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes wasn’t the biggest star on the field—not by a long shot.

Halftime show performer Jennifer Lopez led all personalities with 2.2 million interactions on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, according to Nielsen. Mahomes, the Kansas City quarterback, was the top player with 514,000 interactions.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

# †Rex Indalecio Palacios

February 11, 1952 – January 12, 2020

**In his new life, he now joins his:**

**Parents:** †Dr. Francisco T. Palacios & †Maria I. Palacios

**Daughter:** †Elizabeth Brooke Palacios

**Brother:** †Raymond I. Palacios

**Nephew:** †Octavious T. Palacios

**His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:**

**Common-Law-Wife:** Mariana Coats

**Children and Grandchildren:** Brian Damien & Meghan LeRoy Palacios (Elliott & Margo)  
Christina Maria P. & Jonah Sedaghaty  
Gabiella S. Palacios & Daniel Albert Price  
Patricia Margaret S. Palacios & Hunter J. Horner  
Vincente Q. Sablan  
Mika S. & Edward A. Manalili Jr. (Miya Elizabeth & Talia Marie)  
Gregorio C. Kilili Sablan

**Brothers, Sisters, & In-Laws:** Mark I. & Bernadita C. Palacios & Family  
Arnold I. & Maria Wella S. Palacios & Family  
Lars I. & Rosario Palacios & Family  
Lambert I. & Rita S. Palacios & Family  
Allen I. & Josephine Palacios & Family  
†Raymond I. Palacios & Ruby R. Baker & Family  
Francisco I. & Claudia P. Palacios & Family  
Mary Ann P. & Fernando Soto & Family  
Thomasa P. & James M. Mendiola & Family  
John Paul I. Palacios & Esther Manglona & Family  
Eva I. Palacios & Family  
Octavius I Palacios  
Alexander I. Palacios

He is additionally survived by numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, relatives and friends. Mass of intention for the repose of his soul is being celebrated daily at Kristo Rai Church at 06:00am until January 31, 2020. Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at the home of Fernando and Mary Ann Soto, Portland, Oregon.

The memorial mass service will be on Friday, February 07, 2020 at Kristo Rai Parish. The recitation of the holy rosary will be at 8:15 a.m. followed by public visitation at 8:45 a.m. Memorial mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us in prayers.

Thank You, Si Yu’us Ma’ase, & Sulang  
**Mariana Coats, Children, & Family**



# Super Bowl halftime show draws praise, tears from US Latinos

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—When the Super Bowl halftime show began, Yol-Itzma Aguirre and her relatives watched with anticipation. The El Paso, Texas, family was curious how Colombian-born Shakira and New York-raised Jennifer Lopez, two of the world's most popular Latina artists, would seize the stage.

The performance Sunday was draped in Hollywood tropes of female sexuality. But it also contained subtle political messages about anxieties shared by many Latinos in the U.S.—children in cages, Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria and the urge to be heard.

Aguirre, 39, had to watch the performance again. “My sister was tearing up. We saw more things,” Aguirre said. “We stopped caring about the game.”

Across the U.S., Latinos took to social media to praise and dissect the show.

Shakira paid homage to her Colombian roots by performing the mapalé—an Afro-Colombian style of dance from the country's Caribbean coast. She also made a tongue-flicking cry called a zaghrouta, a way to express joy in Arab culture. Her father is of Lebanese descent.

During her performance, Lopez brought out a dual Puerto Rican-American flag while her daughter sang the lyrics to Bruce Springsteen's “Born in the U.S.A.” Her daughter and other children with American flags on their shirts had emerged from what appeared to be steel cages.

“Let's get loud!” Lopez sang as her daughter sang the Springsteen hook. Shakira hit some drums.

In the background, strobe lights crossed each other to form an image of a cage.



Shakira and Jennifer Lopez perform during halftime of the NFL Super Bowl 54 football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Latinos saw the juxtaposition as a call for them to vote, being mindful that American authorities on the U.S.-Mexico border separated migrant children from their parents and locked them up.

“It was brilliant,” said Aguirre, a writer who has toured immigration facilities holding children.

Others pointed out that Lopez held up a Puerto Rican flag—once banned in 1948—at a time of anger over how President Donald Trump has handled relief efforts after the island was hit by the hurricane and a recent earthquake.

The flag became a symbol of resilience and hope following the hurricane, which struck in September 2017 as a Category 4 storm. It caused more than \$100 billion in damage and killed an estimated 2,975 people in its aftermath. The flag also became a symbol of resistance and justice last summer when massive protests over corruption and other issues led to the resignation of the island's former governor.

Luivette Resto, a Puerto Rico-born poet who now lives in Los Angeles, said she felt conflicted about the use of the flag

because of the island's history.

“Puerto Rico is still a colony of the U.S.,” Resto said. “We're treated like property.”

But Resto said she was glad the appearance of the flag sparked needed conversations about Puerto Rico's status.

Still, she was disappointed that more Afro-Latinos or Mexicans were not represented in the performance—a critique shared by many on social media. The legendary Mexican band Los Tigres del Norte from San Jose, California, opened the Spanish broadcast for Super Bowl LIV, but the performance was not seen

on the English broadcast.

Others said they are satisfied by the overall Latina theme of the performance.

“It was a PERFECT example of how different cultures can exist under the ‘Latino’ umbrella,” comedian Cristela Alonzo tweeted. “We are different from each other and therefore should be allowed to tell DIFFERENT stories. See us as individuals.”

The halftime show wasn't the only moment for Latinas on Super Bowl Sunday. The game began with multi-platinum Demi Lovato singing the national anthem. The

## Puerto Ricans thrilled by flag sighting in Super Bowl

SAN JUAN (AP)—The screams echoed across Puerto Rico when Jennifer Lopez unfurled a feather cape representing the flag of the U.S. territory during the Super Bowl's halftime show, a moment that many were still replaying and sharing on Monday.

The move came at a trying time for those on the island of 3.2 million U.S. citizens who are struggling to recover from a devastating hurricane and major earthquake.

“Everybody began to clap. They jumped out of their chairs. It was so exciting. There were even people with tears falling down their face,” said Danny Hernández, a spokesman for the mayor of the southwestern town of Guayanilla, where dozens of

people lost their homes in a recent 6.4 magnitude earthquake that killed one person and led U.S. President Donald Trump to approve a major disaster declaration for towns in the island's southern region.

Hernández himself stood up when he saw the flag, a custom Versace cape that had 40,000 feathers in it, with 2,000 crystals making up the flag's lone star, according to an Instagram post by stylist Mariel Haenn.

“I got goosebumps,” he said. “I'm not going to lie.”

He noted the flag became a symbol of resilience and hope after Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September 2017 as a Category 4 storm, causing more than \$100 billion in estimated damage and killing an estimated 2,975 people in its aftermath. It

also became a symbol of resistance and justice last summer when large protests over corruption and other issues led to the resignation of the island's former governor.

It was so strong a symbol that the territorial legislature in 1948 banned people from even owning one because it was then seen as a symbol of an independence movement. The law was repealed in 1957.

“We Puerto Ricans are very sentimental about the flag,” Hernández said.

The halftime moment surprised Puerto Rican journalist Jonathan Lebrón Ayala and his family as they watched the game at home. His wife and daughter jumped up, spilling a drink on the floor as Lopez yelled, “Let's get loud! Lati-



Jennifer Lopez and daughter Emme Maribel Muniz perform during halftime of the NFL Super Bowl 54 football game Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

nos!” and then unfurled the flag while her young daughter sang, “Born in the USA.”

“It was rather hectic,” he recalled with a laugh. “You could hear people in the neighborhood screaming.”

Lebrón said he felt it was

the most politically charged NFL Super Bowl ever, and that the moment will draw attention to Puerto Rico's needs, which also include recovery from a 13-year recession.

“For better or for worse, people are going to be more in

Albuquerque, New Mexico-born Lovato is a descendant of Francisco Perea, a Hispanic hero for the Union in the Civil War who saw President Abraham Lincoln's assassination.

The rendition by Lovato, who is recovering from drug addiction, sparked an emotional response from the people of New Mexico—a state with the nation's highest percentage of Hispanic residents that has historically had some of the country's highest drug overdose death rates.

For Shakira, this wasn't her first time participating in an event with a political dimension. In 2011, for example, she told The Associated Press that proposed anti-immigrant legislation in some U.S. states went against her foundation's efforts to provide education to poor people around the world.

The Grammy Award-winning singer said Latino immigrants in the U.S. who were facing anti-immigrant bills would have “justice” as public awareness about their plight grew.

“Justice will come. I'm sure,” Shakira told the AP after receiving an award at Harvard University. “Wherever there is ... a kid, who could be the son or the daughter of a Latino immigrant, who cannot attend a school in the United States of America, that kid should be a concern to all of us and our responsibility.”

Lopez rarely speaks out on social issues, and her fiancé, retired baseball player Alex Rodriguez, famously avoided addressing the mistreatment of Latinos as an active player.

But in recent months, Lopez has loaned her name to causes. In August, she signed an open letter in support of Latinos after deadly shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Gilroy, California.

tune, looking for information about Puerto Rico,” he said.

On Monday, one of Google's suggestions for people seeking details about J-Lo's performance was, “What flag was in the halftime show?” Lopez is from the Bronx and her parents are from Puerto Rico.

The moment also intensified a longstanding political debate on the island between those who support statehood and those who favor the current political status, with both sides noting that the U.S. flag was on the other side of the cape.

Regardless of what political interpretation Puerto Ricans and others took from the moment, Lebrón said, “It was such a nice surprise during this time when we're not doing very well. ... It's a moment we will never forget.”



# Cross-examination drives key Weinstein accuser to tears

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A key accuser in the New York City rape trial of Harvey Weinstein broke down in tears on the witness stand on Monday during an exhaustive cross-examination over the nature of her relationship with the once-powerful movie mogul.

The drama, which prompted the judge to send the jury home about an hour earlier than usual, came as the defense sought to paint the 34-year-old woman as an opportunistic manipulator who took advantage of Weinstein while pursuing an acting career, even after he allegedly raped her.

The woman said she tried to make Weinstein “my pseudo father” after a rough upbringing. She said she sent him flattering emails and kept seeing him because “I wanted him to believe I wasn’t a threat.”

“I was afraid of his unpredictable anger,” the woman testified.



She became emotional while reading an email passage about being abused earlier in her life. It was part of a lengthy confidential email she sent to her then-boyfriend in May 2014

about her relationship with Weinstein. She was bawling as she left the courtroom, and her cries could be heard from a nearby witness room.

She returned after about a

10-minute break, but continued to weep loudly, resting her head on the witness stand and blotting tears with a tissue. The lead prosecutor tried to console her, but she couldn’t continue. Her cross-examination will resume Tuesday.

“I remember the day I realized I was controlling my world because I was sexually assaulted and that story played out where I played into sexual dynamics with people to feel like I would never be taken advantage of again,” she said, her voice quaking just before the judge halted the proceedings.

Weinstein lawyer Donna Rotunno, known for her criticism of the #MeToo movement, sought to shoot down the woman’s rape allegation by zeroing in on her admission that she also had noncoerced sexual encounters with Weinstein that she said only happened after “a long negotiation.”

Even then, “I wasn’t happy to do it,” she said.

“You manipulated Mr. Wein-

stein every single time, isn’t that correct?” Rotunno asked.

The woman responded: “I felt there was an aspect to the way I felt I needed to protect myself that had an element of manipulation.”

At one point, Rotunno shot back: “You made a choice to have sexual encounters with Harvey Weinstein when you weren’t sexually attracted to him. ... You liked the parties and you liked the power.”

The witness had told the jury last week on direct examination that Weinstein trapped her in a New York hotel room in March 2013, and angrily ordered her to undress as he loomed over her, and then raped her.

The second attack came eight months later at a Beverly Hills hotel, where she worked as a hairdresser, after she told Weinstein that she was dating an actor, she said.

“You owe me one more time!” she said he screamed at her. She said she begged him not to take off her clothes, but he ripped off her pants before push-

**AP**  
In this courtroom sketch, a witness weeps as she testifies during the Harvey Weinstein trial, Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, in New York

ing her legs apart and raping her.

The woman said she has not testified before a grand jury regarding that matter and hasn’t decided whether to pursue charges, saying she asked California prosecutors “to just give me space until this trial is over.”

The witness was grilled on Monday about emails that continued after those alleged attacks.

From the emails, it appeared the witness was still cutting Weinstein’s hair in early 2014. In one January 2014 email, he wrote her: “That’s the best haircut and trim I’ve gotten. I’ve gotten a million compliments. Thank you.”

She wrote back: “Your the one who makes it look good with your smile and beautiful eyes!! But thank you that makes me so happy to hear :)”

Rotunno asked the witness whether she was trying to make Weinstein “believe that you cared about him.”

“I did want him to think that I was naive and safe and not a threat,” she responded.

“But you’re not naive, are you?”

“I’m observant but I’m not that smart,” she replied.

Sirens blared outside the courthouse as the woman started reading from the email that ended up setting her off, prematurely ending the ninth day of trial testimony.

“Harvey was my father’s age and he gave me all the validation I needed at that time,” she said as she choked up, adding, “I tried to make him a pseudo father.”

## Ben Platt named Hasty Pudding’s 2020 Man of the Year

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.** (AP)—Award-winning actor and musician Ben Platt was named 2020 Man of the Year by Harvard University’s famed Hasty Pudding theater troupe on Monday.

Platt, 26, is the youngest recipient in the 54-year history of the award, handed out annually by the troupe that dates to the late 18th century.

“We’re thrilled to honor Ben Platt as our 54th Man of the Year because of the incredible impact he has had on Broadway and in Hollywood at such a young age,” Hasty Pudding co-producer Natalie Needle said in a statement. “As our youngest Man of the Year, Ben has had a remarkable career as an actor and musician.”

Platt will receive his pudding pot at a celebratory roast on Friday. A performance of “Mean Ghouls,” Hasty Pudding’s second production including women in the cast, will follow.

Platt won a Tony in 2017 for “Dear Evan Hansen,” while the cast recording took home the Grammy for best musical theater album, as well as a Daytime Emmy for their performance on “The Today Show.”

Platt is also known for his role as Benji Applebaum in the films “Pitch Perfect” and “Pitch Perfect 2.”

He is currently filming the second season of the Netflix



**Platt**

series “The Politician,” which last season earned him a Golden Globe nomination.

He also stars in the film “Run This Town,” which premiered at last year’s SXSW Film Festival and will be released this spring. It

was recently announced that he will star in the film adaptation of the Stephen Sondheim musical “Merrily We Roll Along.”

Also a musician, Platt’s debut album “Sing To Me Instead” was released last year.

Former winners of the Man of the Year include Tom Hanks, Robert De Niro and Harrison Ford. Last year’s Man of the Year was Milo Ventimiglia.

## Man facing second divorce mulls reunion with first wife

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married to a wonderful, beautiful woman when we were much younger. We got married because of an unplanned pregnancy. After some years, we both had grown in different directions, and we divorced. We remained friends even after I remarried.

I’m now in the early stages of my second divorce because I am lonely in a marriage where there’s no communication or intimacy. I have tried working things out; my wife isn’t interested, so I have given up trying. We no longer have a physical bond, but I refuse to lower myself to cheat to fulfill my needs.

I find myself drawn to my first wife, and I know she feels the same. While I’d like to see how life as a single guy of 55-plus would be, I also want to date my ex. We have a child together, and we have more in common now than before. Can a second time around really work? Or should I first play the field once I am divorced?

**WORKING BACKWARD IN CONNECTICUT**

**DEAR WORKING BACKWARD:** Because you didn’t mention whether your first wife also remarried, I will assume that she didn’t.

If you wish to date her—and the feelings are mutual—there should be nothing stopping you. **HOWEVER**, your idea of playing the field before committing again is wise. I have said before, and I’ll repeat it for you: If you and your

**first wife decide to remarry, it would be a good idea to get premarital counseling together to ensure that all the issues that drove you apart the first time have been resolved.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married 20 years. He is now on vacation in Thailand with his best buddy (without me again) for the third time in as many years.

After doing some research, I have discovered that this place is a major sex tourism destination also known as “Sodom on the Sea.” My husband says he stays away from all the hanky-panky and goes there only for the beach, the food, the culture and “guy time” with his best friend. My girlfriends all tell me I am foolish and naive. Am I?

**SUSPICIOUS IN THE MIDWEST**

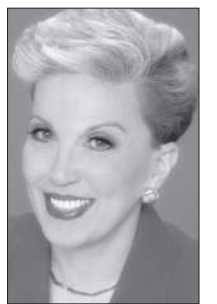
**DEAR SUSPICIOUS:** I have my opinion, but not knowing your husband, I’m hesitant to accuse him of being an adulterer. However, you know him pretty well by now. (I assume that having researched your husband’s chosen vacation spot, you have seen your doctor to be checked for STDs.) My questions to you would be—in your heart of hearts—what do **YOU** think? And if you agree with your girlfriends, what are you prepared to do about it?

**DEAR ABBY:** Many years ago, my wife and I decided we

## DEAR ABBY

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
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would help each other write our obituaries. I know this may seem macabre, but when she died a few years ago, after 48 years of marriage, it was less stressful to just fill in the date and age. What do you think?

**PRACTICAL UPSTATE NEW YORKER**

**DEAR PRACTICAL:** I think that if it worked for you, other readers might consider it. Many people wonder what will be said of them after they’re gone. This way, they can add or delete as they wish.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

STEPS OUT INTO THE RAINY STREETS AND REVIEWED THE FACTS. THERE WEREN'T MANY.

TWO SIPS, JACK AND JOE, DRIVE TOWARD EACH OTHER AT 60 AND 30 MPH. AFTER 10 MINUTES, THEY PASS. I'M SUPPOSED TO FIND OUT HOW FAR APART THEY STARTED.

QUESTIONS POUR DOWN LIKE THE RAIN. WHO ARE THESE MUGGS? WHAT WERE THEY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH? WHY WAS JACK IN SUCH A HURRY? AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHERE THEY STARTED FROM??

By Bill Waterson

I HAD A HUNCH THAT, BEFORE THIS WAS OVER, I'D BE SORRY I ASKED.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF DOGS

THERE ARE DUMB ONES...AND...

OKAY, THERE'S ONE KIND

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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

YES, I'M SERIOUS. I'M THE INSTIGATOR.

BUT THAT'S CRAZY! HOW WILL WE EVEN GET THIS STARTED?

I'LL INSTIGATE IT.

IT SEEMS SO OBVIOUS, BUT IT GETS ME EVERY TIME!

WANNA PLAY 20 QUESTIONS?

COULD YOU EVEN BE MORE ANNOYING?

OKAY, THAT'S ONE.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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14 Capital on a fjord

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16 Dusk

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21 Young fellows

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28 Plan B

32 Words to a backstabber

33 "I love," to Livy

34 Continental cash

36 Toe count

37 Speed

39 Make retroactive

41 — Park, Colorado

43 Dr. McGraw

44 Up to

46 Competitor

50 Couple's evening away

55 Lennon's lady

56 From the U.S.

57 New York canal

58 Race segment

59 Auction actions

60 Historic Scott

61 Pair

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3 Region (Abbr.)

4 Hopeful

5 Peyton's brother

6 Rule, for short

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8 Be NYC released

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31 Former NYC Mayor Ed

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Yesterday's answer 2-5

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Darren Criss, 33; Michael Sheen, 51; Jennifer Jason Leigh, 58; Barbara Hershey, 72.

**Happy Birthday:** Take the path that leads to greater creativity, and you will embrace personal growth. Rid yourself of guilt and other complexities you face due to past occurrences, and learn from experience. Consider what you want and what will make you happy, and you will discover freedom. Strive to prosper mentally, physically and financially this year. Your numbers are 2, 14, 22, 27, 34, 40, 48.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Arguments will bring you down. Concentrate on fixing whatever you feel needs a facelift. Spend less time discussing what your plans are and more time implementing what you want to accomplish. Stability will follow if you take care of matters personally. ★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Listen to the information offered, and it will give you a new perspective on life, love, and what's new and exciting. Check on the internet for last-minute vacation deals. More significant opportunities will be yours if you are helpful. ★★★★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): A financial move will have its perks. Check out career opportunities. Follow a path that excites you and allows you to incorporate the skills you enjoy using most. Set a goal, and don't quit until you fulfill your dream. ★★★

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Show sensitivity toward others. How you handle situations and people will determine the outcome. Kindness and generosity will pay off. Put

yourself in someone else's shoes, and you'll know what's required to make a situation better. ★★★

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your creativity will appeal to someone who shares your vision. A mental, physical or emotional trip will open your mind to alternative methods. Someone you meet will have an impact on your future. Participate, and see what life has to offer. ★★★★★

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Help a cause or group that is in trouble, and it will make you feel good. Your ability to dissect problems and come up with solutions will turn you into a hero. Make the first move, and a partnership will develop. ★★★★★

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't gossip. You might damage your reputation if you are insensitive. You will do far better if you stick to your job and finish what you start. Keep an open mind, and carefully choose what you share. ★★

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consider all your options. Choose the one that offers the most considerable freedom and the most adventure. Implement what you enjoy doing into your career prospects, and you will achieve the success you desire. Personal growth is in the stars. ★★★★★

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep everything in order. Personal issues should be looked at carefully. Focus on health, contracts and money matters. Avoid joint ventures. Working with others will lead to disappointment. Trust in facts, not hearsay. Keep your thoughts a secret. ★★★

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stay in control. If you snooze, you'll lose. Underestimating someone who challenges you will lead to a loss. An intimate involvement will need nurturing. Make plans to discuss your intentions. Taking hold of situations and finding solutions will leave a lasting impression. ★★★★★

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Laziness is not acceptable. Productivity will be the key to getting ahead as well as impressing others. Push your ideas and present what you have to offer. Don't lose sight of your goals; take the initiative, and reap the rewards. ★★★★★

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider the possibilities, attend functions related to work and combine business with pleasure. You may be able to change your future just by engaging in something a little bit unusual. New surroundings will boost your morale. ★★★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are sensitive, perceptive and courageous. You are kind and persuasive.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID CUELLET

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# After Super Bowl win, Chiefs already eyeing repeat next year

MIAMI (AP)—It took the Chiefs five full decades to bring the Lombardi Trophy back to Kansas City.

They don't intend to wait that long again.

With confetti still swirling and their thrilling Super Bowl triumph over the San Francisco 49ers mere minutes old, most of the Chiefs were already talking about next season. They got a taste of reaching the AFC title game last season and it drove them to make it back this season, and now that they've had a taste of winning the championship, the organization's mindset is quite simple: Why stop at just one?

"Next year we're coming back," Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said. "We're coming back for a repeat."

There's plenty of reasons to believe they can do it. The Chiefs will return just about every key piece that delivered the city its first championship in 50 years, including Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes, breakout star Damien Williams and the core of their rebuilt defense, along with a coaching staff that's gotten plenty of interest for head coaching jobs elsewhere.

So perhaps it was no surprise that most Las Vegas sports books already have installed the Chiefs as 6-to-1 favorites to win the Super Bowl next season. The Baltimore Ravens and NFC champion Niners were close behind.

"I'm really excited about it. You get one, you want to get another," said Andy Reid, who



Kansas City Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt, right, hands the trophy to head coach Andy Reid after the chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers in the NFL Super Bowl 54 football game Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

finally got to bask in his first Super Bowl championship after 21 years of coaching. "But we've got to backpedal a minute and enjoy this one, and then we'll get busy on the next one."

There certainly will be plenty of time to celebrate. The Chiefs wrapped up some media obligations in Miami on Monday, then were to head back to Kansas City, where an

entire city was preparing for a victory parade Wednesday.

Not long after that, though, expect Reid and general manager Brett Veach to get down to business.

The Chiefs are likely to make Mahomes the NFL's highest-paid player this off-season, the first opportunity he will have to sign a contract



extension. The Chiefs also must decide what to do with Jones, one of the league's premier defensive linemen, who is eligible for free agency but has expressed his desire to remain with the team on a long-term deal.

"Why wouldn't I want to be here?" he asked. "We have a chance to be a dynasty."

The Chiefs also had a number of role players whose deals are expiring, and bringing them back or unearthing replacements will be crucial during free agency. Among them are defensive linemen Terrell Suggs, Emmanuel Ogbah and Xavier Williams, wide receiver Demarcus Robinson, and cornerbacks Bashaud Bree-land and Kendall Fuller.

Another question facing the Chiefs: What will they do with Sammy Watkins, who proved his worth with a massive playoff run capped by five catches for 98 yards in the Super Bowl. He is due to count \$21 million against the salary cap next year, so the Chiefs are likely to ask him to take a pay cut or restructure his contract or be forced to release him.

"If we keep going the way we're going, the sky is the limit for this team," said Watkins, who contradicted reports he might even sit out next season by insisting he'd return. "Why not? We'll come back and win next year."

But even with all those holes to fill, the Chiefs are still in enviable shape. They have arguably the league's best quarterback and one of its most electrifying pass-catchers in Tyreek Hill. They have one of its premier tight ends in Travis Kelce and a running back in Damien Williams, who gashed the 49ers for 104 yards rushing with TDs on the ground and through the air.

On defense, they have elite pass rusher Frank Clark and safety Tyrann Mathieu — the prize acquisitions last offseason

who came up big in the Super Bowl — signed to contracts that will keep them in Kansas City at least two more years.

"It will be important to keep a couple of those other guys and obviously continue to get better, whether that's through the draft or free agency," Mathieu said. "The most important thing is our core is intact. We've got a hell of a football team, so we are looking forward to next season already."

There have been seven franchises that have won back-to-back Super Bowls, including the Pittsburgh Steelers, who did the trick twice in the 1970s. That now becomes the goal for a team that sees a window of dominance opening in the AFC, where the Chiefs and Ravens already have begun to replace the New England Patriots as the gold standard.

"I think as long as we keep the people that we have in this organization on this team, with the coach that we have, I think we have a chance to be good year-in and year-out," Mahomes said. "It's not going to be easy. We're sitting here right now, and I know that going back, we're going to have next year to play a lot of great football teams. There's a lot of great teams in this league, so you understand that. But at the same time, just try to get better every year."

Not just to reach the pinnacle of the game. At long last, the Chiefs finally have accomplished that.

The task facing them now is staying there.

## Kansas City set to celebrate Super Bowl win with parade

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Kansas City Chiefs returned to Kansas City on Monday as fans celebrated their Super Bowl championship.

Coach Andy Reid, carrying the Super Bowl trophy, led the team off its plane Monday afternoon before they boarded a bus caravan to return to Arrowhead Stadium. Fans were discouraged from meeting the Chiefs at the airport. Quarterback Patrick Mahomes was not with his teammates because he flew to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, to lead a Super Bowl celebration parade as part of his duties as MVP.

A parade through downtown Kansas City, Missouri, is set for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, followed by a rally at Union Station. Several schools in the area canceled Wednesday's classes, and the Kansas Legislature canceled that day's session. Officials announced the celebration Sunday night, shortly after the Chiefs defeated San Francisco 31-20.

The celebration started

before the game, with an estimated 20,000 people showing up at the Power & Light District in downtown Kansas City to watch the Super Bowl on a massive screen. Police said Monday 14 people were arrested and 45 were ejected from the entertainment district, and fire officials responded to 24 medical incidents. The Westport entertainment district also was packed and police reported several disturbances, but none were serious.

One man died when he tried to light commercial-grade fireworks in an improvised mortar and one of them exploded shortly after the game ended, police said in a statement. No other information was released.

Officers also will be following up on 163 reports of celebratory gunfire from 5:30 p.m. Sunday to early Monday, police said.

A newly installed sign inside Union Station proclaimed the Chiefs "World Champions!" Among those lining up to take a picture

Monday were Mark and Karie Teetor, of the St. Louis area, who described a scene of pandemonium and dancing as they watched the game with friends.

"I was crying pretty much," Karie Teetor said.

Her husband said he was just happy to see the Chiefs in the Super Bowl after a 50-year drought.

"To win is icing on the cake," he added.

The city installed generators and a temporary cellphone tower near the site of the rally, while area businesses made plans to close or operate on a reduced schedule.

At Children's Mercy Kansas City, the emergency room at the main downtown campus will be open, but appointments and some surgeries were being rescheduled or moved.

When the Royals won the World Series in 2015, an estimated 800,000 people flocked to the victory parade, shattering expectations in a city with a population of about 470,000 and a metropolitan area of

about 2 million. Cellphone towers were overwhelmed by the throngs, and buses couldn't get through.

City spokesman Chris Hernandez offered no specifics on the expected crowd size for the Chiefs' celebration, saying only that "we are prepared for a massive crowd of fans wearing red and celebrating a Super Bowl victory that's been 50 years in the making. So please dress warmly and come downtown to enjoy a family-friendly celebration."

Christie Bernard, 45, of the St. Louis suburb of St. Peters, brought her 12- and 19-year-old sons to Union Station for a picture Monday. She said her husband — a "huge, huge Chiefs fan" — died unexpectedly a few months ago.

"We wished he could have seen it. But we feel like he helped them out a little bit last night. We kind of feel like that fourth quarter, he knew that they needed some help, so he gave them a little boost," she said of the Chiefs' come-from-behind win.



# Gonzales, Mariners agree to \$30M deal for 2021-24



SEATTLE

(AP)—Left-hander Marco Gonzales and the Seattle Mariners agreed Monday to a \$30 million contract covering 2021-24, a deal that includes a club option and could be worth \$45 million over five seasons.

Gonzales is about to begin his third full season with the Mariners after arriving in 2017 via a trade from St. Louis. Gonzales gets \$1 million this year in the final season of a \$1.9 million, two-year deal.

His new contract calls for a \$1 million signing bonus, half payable within 30 days and half next Jan. 15, and salaries of \$5 million in 2021, \$5.5 million in 2022, \$6.5 million in 2023 and \$12 million in 2024, when he would have been eligible for free agency. The Mariners' 2025 option is for \$15 million with no buyout.

Gonzales would get a \$250,000 assignment bonus if traded, a provision that also covers 2020.

"Since joining the Mariners, Marco has been a model of consistency, quietly ranking among the most productive starting pitchers in the AL," Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said in a statement.



AP  
In this Sept. 17, 2019, file photo, Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Marco Gonzales delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh.

"His presence, competitiveness, preparation and leadership make him a key part of our future."

Gonzales is coming off the best season of his career. He tied for the American League lead with 34 starts and was tied for fifth with 16 victories. His 3.99 ERA was the lowest of his career and he set career-highs in starts, innings pitched and strikeouts.

The 27-year-old was Seattle's opening day starter last year and is likely to hold that spot for years to come.

"This organization has a vision for winning a championship, and I am honored to be a part of their plans," Gonzales said. "This will only further motivate me and the passion that I have to compete and win. I do not take their commitment to me lightly, and I will always represent this team and this city with honor and pride."

By signing Gonzales to the

deal, Seattle is banking on the left-hander still being among the better pitchers in the AL when the Mariners hope their rebuilding project comes to fruition. This season is likely to be another struggle after Seattle won just 68 games last year.

But the hope is that Seattle's young prospects start the turn toward winning in 2021 with Gonzales at the top of

the rotation.

Gonzales said recently that his role with a young team doesn't change his approach.

"I'm going to go out and try to win a ballgame every five days and be a good teammate, be a good leader and do things the right way," he said. "The world could be crumbling down around me and I don't think it would effect what I do in my job."

## Yankees add competition in job for backup catcher

NEW YORK (AP)—The Yankees now have more competition in the job for backup catcher, with Erik Kratz, Josh Thole and Chris Iannetta agreeing to minor league contracts Monday.

Austin Romine, Gary Sánchez's backup the last three seasons, became a free agent and agreed to a \$4.15 million, one-year contract with Detroit.

Kyle Higashioka is the only other catcher on New York's 40-man roster. He hit .214 with three homers and 11 RBIs in 57 plate appearances with the Yankees last year and batted .278 with 20 homers and 56 RBIs at Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

The 39-year-old Kratz was signed to a minor league deal by the Yankees last June following his release by Tampa Bay and hit .299 with seven homers and 31 RBIs at Scranton. He played for the U.S. team that failed in November to qualify for the Olympics.

Thole, 33, hit .243 with three homers and 26 RBIs at Triple-A and Double-A last year. He last appeared in the major leagues with Toronto in 2016.

Iannetta, who turns 37 in

April, batted .222 with six homers and 21 RBIs in 164 plate appearances for Colorado last year.

New York also announced minor league contracts Monday with right-handers Adam Warren, Dan Otero and Nick Tropeano, and left-hander Luis Avilán.

Warren, 32, had Tommy John surgery on Sept. 4 and is expected to miss all or most of this season. He pitched for the Yankees from 2012-15 and 2016-18. Otero, 34, had a 4.85 ERA in 25 relief appearances for Cleveland last year. Avilán was 4-0 with a 5.06 ERA in 45 games for the New York Mets last season. Tropeano, 29, had a 9.88 ERA in three appearances with the Los Angeles Angels last year and went 4-6 with a 5.87 ERA in 15 starts and two relief appearances at Triple-A Salt Lake.

New York also agreed to minor league contracts with right-handers Domingo Acevedo and David Hale; left-hander Tyler Lyons; catchers Kellin Deglan and Wynston Sawyer; infielder-outfielder Rosell Herrera; and outfielders Zack Granite and Thomas Milone.

## Astros hire Rays exec James Click as GM to replace Luhnow

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Astros hired James Click as their new general manager Monday, taking the Tampa Bay Rays executive and putting him in charge of the scandal-ridden team a week before the start of spring training.

Click succeeds Jeff Luhnow, who along with manager AJ Hinch was suspended by Major League Baseball last month in the wake of a sign-stealing scam and then fired by the Astros.

Houston, coming off a Game 7 loss to Washington in the World Series, hired Dusty Baker last week as manager.

Astros owner Jim Crane announced the addition of Click, who spent the last three seasons as the Rays' vice president of baseball operations. The 42-year-old Click had been with Tampa Bay for the last 14 seasons.

"I am excited to join the Astros family," Click said in a statement. "The Astros are a progressive and innovative organization with a deeply talented group in the front of

fice."

The Rays beat Oakland in the AL wild-card game and lost to Houston in the decisive Game 5 of the Division Series. Tampa Bay senior vice president of baseball operations Chaim Bloom was hired as chief baseball officer by the Boston Red Sox in late October.

"The departure of another talented, senior Rays executive is difficult," Tampa Bay owner Stuart Sternberg said in a statement. "That difficulty is compounded by the timing of the departure, only days from the opening of spring training."

"A large number of former Rays staffers now populate senior team positions across the league. Most recently, two of the past three World Series winning teams, against whom we compete directly, have reached beyond their organizations and into our ranks to fill their top baseball operations positions," he said. "We have



Click

great organizational leadership, strong faith in our ability to regenerate, and we have supreme confidence in the men and women who will be stepping up into their newfound opportunities and responsibilities. That is the Rays way. It is who we are, it is what we do."

Click was to be formally introduced by the Astros at a news conference on Tuesday at Minute Maid Park.

"James has had an impressive career," Crane said in a statement. "He is a respected leader who has progressed in this game across all aspects of baseball operations and he has built great relationships with both front office and clubhouse personnel."

Click graduated from Yale and wrote for analytics website Baseball Prospectus for several years before being hired by the Rays.

Click was involved in guiding and overseeing all aspects of the baseball operations de-

partment. His areas of focus were research and development, strategic planning and innovation.

Luhnow and Hinch were suspended for a year by Commissioner Rob Manfred on Jan. 13 after he found the Astros used electronics to illicitly steal signs during their run to the 2017 World Series championship and again in the 2018 season. Crane announced hours later that Luhnow and Hinch were fired.

The Astros also were fined \$5 million, the maximum allowed under the Major League Constitution, and forfeited their next two first- and second-round amateur draft picks.

Álex Cora, the bench coach for the Astros in 2017 and the manager who guided the Red Sox to the 2018 World Series title, recently parted with Boston. Carlos Beltrán, singled out for his role in the cheating scheme while playing for the 2017 Astros, was let go as manager of the New York Mets last month before working his first game.



# Butler scores 38 as Heat rout 76ers, 137-106



**MIAMI** (AP)—Jimmy Butler shook off the notion that a game against his former team should carry extra significance.

The win was all that mattered.

Butler scored a season-high 38 points before getting the fourth quarter off, and the Miami Heat scored a franchise-record 81 points in the second half to beat the Philadelphia 76ers 137-106 on Monday night.

"I'm never worried about offense," Butler said. "Hell, I'm never worried about defense. I'm only worried about winning."

Goran Dragic scored 24 points for Miami, Duncan Robinson scored 19 and All-Star Bam Adebayo finished with 18 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds for the Heat. Derrick Jones Jr. added 15 points for Miami, which set season-highs for points and victory margin.

Miami also won the season series, 3-1.

"We just want to get better as the season goes on and we knew that this game was important just from the standpoint of being able to go up 3-1 against one of the teams we're jostling against in this competitive Eastern Conference," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It matters."

For Philadelphia, it was more of the same. The team with an NBA-best 22-2 home record lost for the 10th time in its last 12 road games. Joel Embiid led the 76ers with 29 points and 12 rebounds, and Mike Scott scored 17 points — most of it off 5-of-7 shooting from 3-point range — in 18 minutes.

Ben Simmons had 16 points for Philadelphia.

"Second half we were pretty much nonexistent all around," Philadelphia's Tobias Harris said. "We just never made our mark on the defensive end in the second half."

The 76ers are winning home games by an average of 10 points. But on the road, they've been beaten nine times by double-digits already this season — and this 31-point defeat came only two days after what had been a season-worst 21-point loss at Brooklyn on Saturday.

"We're not playing defense the way we can play defense," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "It starts and almost stops there for me."

Butler was 14 for 20 from the field and 8 for 8 from the foul line. The Heat committed only three turnovers; its previous franchise-low for a game was four, set against Orlando on Jan. 24, 2009.

"We want Jimmy to be ag-



Miami Heat guard Goran Dragic (7) is fouled by Philadelphia 76ers guard Furkan Korkmaz during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, in Miami.

gressive," Dragic said. "He's our leader."

## Clippers 108, Spurs 105

In Los Angeles, Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points, Paul George added 19 and the Clippers rallied in the fourth quarter.

Leonard's one-handed dunk gave the Clippers a two-point lead with 1:35 remaining after they trailed by 15 in the first half. George's jumper with 13 seconds left made it 106-102.

Patty Mills hit a 3-pointer with two seconds left to draw the Spurs within one.

Lou Williams got fouled and made both for the Clippers. Mills' half-court heave at the buzzer came up short.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 27 points for the Spurs.

## Celtics 123, Hawks 115

In Atlanta, Jayson Tatum scored 28 points and Grant Williams drove for a key basket in the final minute, leading Boston over Atlanta for its fourth straight victory.

With ailing Kemba Walker watching from the bench, Gordon Hayward scored 24 points and Jaylen Brown chipped in with 21 for the Celtics.

Trae Young led the Hawks with 34 points, his 25th game with at least 30 this season. Kevin Huerter had 23 points, including five 3-pointers, and John Collins notched his fourth straight double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

## Mavericks 112, Pacers 103

In Indianapolis, Kristaps Porzingis had 38 points and 12 rebounds to lead Dallas past Indiana.

Porzingis shot 6 of 13 on 3-pointers and made all 12 of his free throws. Tim Hardaway Jr. contributed 25 points for the Mavericks, who played without injured All-Star starter Luka Doncic (sprained ankle) for the third straight game.

Domantas Sabonis led the Pacers with 26 points on 9-of-12 shooting to go with 12 rebounds and nine assists. Malcolm Brogdon added 14 points.

## Nets 119, Suns 97

In New York, Caris LeVert equaled a career high with 29 points in his first start in nearly three months, helping Brooklyn overcome the absence of Kyrie Irving to beat Phoenix.

LeVert snapped out of a slump on offense and played a key role in a strong defensive effort that limited Suns star Devin Booker to 11 points on 3-for-15 shooting.

Joe Harris added 16 points and Taurean Prince had 11 of his 15 in the decisive third quarter for the Nets, who will be without Irving at least for this week after he sprained his right knee Saturday at Washington.

Deandre Ayton had 25 points and 17 rebounds for the Suns, who lost their

third straight.

## Warriors 125, Wizards 117

In Washington, Alec Burks scored 30 points, Glenn Robinson III added 22 and Golden State overcame another big performance by Bradley Beal to beat Washington.

It was the second straight win for the NBA-worst Warriors (12-39), with both coming on the road. They lost 15 of their previous 17.

Beal led the Wizards with 43 points in his seventh straight game with at least 30, the third-longest streak in team history. Rui Hachimura scored 11 points after missing 23 games with a groin injury.

Beal went 15 for 30 from the field while passing the injured John Wall for third on Washington's career scoring list.

Draymond Green had 12 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists for Golden State.

## Grizzlies 96, Pistons 82

In Memphis, Tenn., Jonas Valanciunas had 26 points and 17 rebounds, Dillon Brooks added 15 points and Memphis defeated Detroit to sweep the season series.

Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 14 points and Tyus Jones added 13. Valanciunas also had four of a season-high 12 blocks for the Grizzlies as they held the Pistons to 34.7% shooting.

Andre Drummond led the Pistons with 25 points and 18 rebounds. Reggie Jackson shot 1 of 16 from the field, and Sekou Doumbouya was 2 for 15.

Detroit played without leading scorer Derrick Rose and Markieff Morris.

## Magic 112, Hornets 100

In Charlotte, N.C., Nikola Vucevic scored 22 points, Aaron Gordon had 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Orlando snapped a five-game skid with a win over Charlotte.

Evan Fournier added 17 points and Markelle Fultz had 12 points and 14 assists for the Magic, who won for the first time since beating the Hornets by 23 in Charlotte on Jan. 20.

Terry Rozier scored 18 points to lead the struggling Hornets, who have lost 11 of 12.

## Knicks 139, Cavaliers 134, OT

In Cleveland, Marcus Morris Sr. scored 26 points, including the go-ahead jumper with a minute left in overtime, and New York outlasted Cleveland.

Morris, who missed the morning shoot-around because of an illness, added another jumper and two free throws to help put the game away.

Kevin Love had 33 points and 13 rebounds in possibly his final home game with Cleveland. But the Cava-

liers lost for the 11th time in 12 games.

Love has been the subject of trade speculation ahead of Thursday's deadline.

Knicks guard Elfrid Payton, returning from a one-game suspension, had his first triple-double of the season with 17 points, 15 assists and 11 rebounds.

## Kings 113, Timberwolves 109

In Sacramento, Calif., De'Aaron Fox scored 31 points, Bogdan Bogdanovic made five free throws in the final 69 seconds and Sacramento held off a late run to hand Minnesota its 12th consecutive loss.

Bogdanovic scored 23 points, Buddy Hield added 16 and Harrison Barnes had 14 points and seven assists for the Kings.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to lead six Timberwolves players in double figures.

Minnesota had a chance to tie it in the final seconds, but Andrew Wiggins missed a rushed 3-pointer.

## Kobe tribute game 2nd most watched in ESPN NBA history

### LOS ANGELES (AP)—

The Los Angeles Lakers' first game since Kobe Bryant's death was the second-most watched regular-season NBA game on ESPN.

The game Friday against the Portland Trail Blazers averaged 4.41 million viewers. The only telecast to surpass that since ESPN resumed NBA coverage in 2002-03 was a January 2003 game between the Lakers and Houston Rockets that featured the first matchup between Shaquille O'Neal and Yao Ming (4.88 million).

According to Nielsen, the Bryant pregame ceremony averaged 5.23 million viewers. The audience peaked at 6.07 million between 10:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. Eastern, which was the conclusion of the ceremony and the start of the game.

By comparison, a game between Houston and the Denver Nuggets scheduled during a similar time slot last year averaged 1.6 million.

The "Hoop Streams" pregame—which was streamed between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern — had a record 2.4 million views, according to the network. The show is streamed on ESPN.com and its app as well as Twitter and YouTube.



# Duenas tops Amigos Golf Club January Ace

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Ben Duenas topped the Amigos Golf Club January Ace of the Month Tournament after he finished with a two-round net score of 139.

He came away with a net 68 in the qualifying round last

Jan. 12 at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo. That net score was built around a gross 83, which minus his 15 handicap, gave him the solid net 68.

Duenas was at it again last Jan. 27 during the ace round at the same golf course, firing a gross 86 for a net score of 71 and the aforementioned two-round total of 139.

He actually finished tied

with fellow 15-handicapper Roy Ada, who shot an identical net 139, built around a net 70 (gross 85) in the qualifying round and a net 69 (gross 84) in the ace round.

Duenas eventually edged Ada via the score card playoff hole No. 17. Duenas shot a par and Ada scored a boogie which gave Duenas the January Ace.

In the closet to the pin com-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ben Duenas is all smiles after topping the Amigos Golf Club January Ace of the Month Tournament last Jan. 27 at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

petition, Justin Mizutani was without peer in hole No. 6, while Ned Norita, Ben Jones Jr., and Terry Guerrero were the winners in holes No. 8, 12, and 15, respectively.

Others who participated in the two-round monthly tournament were Nick Leon Guerrero (net 142), Bill Quitano (143), Frank Ermitano (143), Joe Torres (144), Manny Tenorio (144), Dan Quitugua (146), Ed Terlaje (146), Ben Jones Jr. (148), John Matsumoto (148), Manny Tenorio (149), Joe Tudela (150), Sherlyn Jones (151), Ned Norita (151), Fred Salavaria (152), Reno Celis (153), Joe Sablan Jr. (153), Martin Ada (154), Justin Mizutani (154), Nick Reyes (155), Mike Muna (155), Frank Sablan (156), Joe Sablan Sr. (156), Terry Guerrero (158), Janet Torres (159), Frank Guerrero (161), Grina Mizutani (163), Syl Ada (166), and Ben Jones Sr. (171).

In all, a total of 43 players took part in the qualifying and ace rounds of the Amigos Golf Club January Ace of the Month Tournament. The club would like to thank Kingfisher Golf Links for its donation of prizes.

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hot from the outside in the second quarter, but this time it was another set of shooters that were on fire. Bernard Montano and James Abuy took over sniping duties from Pangelinan and Estolas, scoring 8 and 7 points, respectively, in the second as Old School grew their lead to 58-37 at the halftime break.

Gilas Batang tried its best to make a game of it in the third led by Vic Tibayan and John Jugos. With the two combining for 12 points in the period, Gilas Batang managed to shave 4 points from Old Iskool's impressive lead and were down by only 17 points, 60-77, heading into the fourth and final quarter.

In the payoff period, Old Iskool got down to business to extinguish any semblance of resistance from Gilas Batang. With as much as eight players, led by the 7 points of Pangelinan and 6 points of Montano, getting on the scoreboard, Old Iskool sealed the deal with the 29-point win.

Pangelinan fired a game-high 34 points to pace Old Iskool. It was 10 points more than the No. 24 of NBA great Kobe Bryant and 47 shy of the 81 Bryant scored in a game against Toronto Raptors in Jan. 22, 2006. Before the game, Pangelinan vowed

to honor the memory of Bryant, who died with daughter Gianna and seven others in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California last Jan. 26.

Montano backed up best player of the game Pangelinan with 20 of his own, while Abuy and Estolas also finished in double digits with 15 points apiece. It was the sixth win in seven assignments for Old Iskool, while Jugos and Tibayan led the losing cause of the now 2-5 Gilas Batang with 22 and 18 markers, respectively.

In the second game, Preston Basa scored 20 points spiked by six triples to lead Blue Eagle A+ Consultant to an 83-74 victory over The Game Eats Easy in the open division. Basa earned best player of the game for his outside shooting display.

Blue Eagle saw itself trailing by 8 points after the first quarter before tying things up at 37-all at the half. It then steadily created distance between them and The Game before riding the hot hands of Basa and inside play of center Jack Lizama down the stretch. Jaymark De Guzman, Douglas Schmidt, and Lizama also finished in twin digits for the 6-0 Blue Eagles.

In the late game in the masters division, Saimar Pilot raised its record 5-2 after beating JSN, 81-72. Andrew Ashburn was named best player of the game with his 18 markers, while JSN, which dropped to 5-2 in a tie

with its conqueror, was led by Jun Tabora's 18 markers.

## First Game

**Old Iskool 110** – Pangelinan 34, Montano 20, Abuy 15, Estolas 15, Pablo 9, De Guzman 4, Bartolo 4, Manabat 4, Antonio 4.

**Gilas Batang 81** – Jugos 22, Tibayan 18, Dacumos 10, Lunangco 10, Basa 6, Lagado 4, Tibayan 3, David 2, De Jesus 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 31-11, 58-37, 77-60, 110-81.

## Second Game

**Blue Eagle A+ Consultant 83** – Basa 20, De Guzman 20, Schmidt 13, Lizama 13, Libuw 8, Manolo 5, Baleo 3, Demapan 2, Santos 2.

**The Game Eats Easy 74** – Fidelino 12, Arellano 12, Sablan 11, Dayao 9, Factor 7, Erdene 6, Cabaltica 5, Pangelinan 2, Torregozza 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 9-17, 37-37, 59-52, 83-74.

## Third Game

**Saimar Pilot 81** – Ashburn 18, Villarin 16, Santos 14, Sungca 13, Jinang 9, Dela Cruz 4, Tolentino 3, Guinto 2, Elano 2.

**JSN 72** – J. Tabora 18, Ocampo 12, Alegre 10, Mungcal 8, Santos 6, Gatdula 4, Wesley 3, Tobias 2, D. Tabora 2, Rosario 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-14, 30-30, 53-47, 81-72.



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Blue Eagle A+ Consultant sweet-shooting guard Preston Basa was named best player in their open division matchup against The Game Eats Easy in the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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kg in the snatch and 100 kg in the clean and jerk.

"It's my very first weightlifting competition. Did one at Latte Gym but it was just an exhibition. This is my very first taste of actual competition. My lifts were pretty OK. I felt pretty good warming up and everything went according to plan. Sad that I wasn't

able to get the lifts I wanted to get but it's still OK," said Meneses after the competition.

Regis competed against no one on the 67-kg weight category but still impressed with lifts of 63 kg in the snatch and 90 kg in the clean and jerk for a total of 153 kg.

"It was still a great experience. I felt nervous at first but after hearing the support of the crowd and my fellow competitors, it helped me get through

it," he said.

It is only Regis' second month into weightlifting having competed before in bodybuilding.

Saipan Tribune will publish the results of the women's division in the next few days.

The CNMI Weightlifting Federation organized the competition. For more information on the weightlifting organization, call its president John Davis at 789-9211.



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From left, medal-winning weightlifters Joey M. Tudela, Joshua DLC Diaz, Joshua G. Meneses, and Brandon N. Regis pose with local MMA fighter Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial during the medal presentation of last Saturday's Northern Marianas Cup Weightlifting Tournament at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.





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# Old Iskool wallops Gilas Batang

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**O**ld Iskool spelled its team name wrong but that didn't prevent them from teaching Gilas Batang a neat hoops lesson in their masters division game in the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Failing to prepare is preparing to fail

### Ask DRE:

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One of my most embarrassing moments came at the end of junior year in high school. There's merit in being blissfully unaware, but in May 2007, my ignorance gave birth to what very well may be the pure definition of cringe.

It was prom night...and, I somehow had only five bucks in my pocket to pay for our dinner. You would think that any person in a situation like that would have the foresight to check if they're in the clear let alone do something about it. Apparently, not me.

Here's what made it worst: she knew it. (I was young, oblivious, and didn't know any better)

Take a minute to imagine how seemingly arduous that night became. It was already bad enough I was dripping with anxiety — my date happened to be one of the more popular girls. But to reach down in my back pocket and see Abraham Lincoln all by his lonesome self, that was adding insult to injury. One of my friends did manage to save my behind. Although, in hindsight, I don't think it was enough to salvage my lack of preparedness and idiocy. Go figure. If she ever reads this, I'm sorry.

You're probably wondering how does this relate to health and fitness. One word: preparation.

**Q: Is losing weight too quickly really that bad? I'm doing a challenge and I have a lot to lose. What type of workouts should I do?**

**A:** This time of the year is where many of you are inclined to pull super hard on the rope. Remember, excessive cardio and resistance training combined with an extremely low food intake negatively impacts your energy expenditure, or simply put, how many calories you burn.

You may produce promising results initially, but things start to get murky sooner rather than later. Your body starts to resist further weight loss. And generally, under those circumstances you'll experience a reduction in lean mass instead of body fat. That's a recipe for disaster. This is a big reason why it's really important to be judicious with your training and nutrition. Start with the lowest hanging fruit and build from there.

**Q: What are the three best exercises to lose belly fat?**

**A:** If you really want to move the needle in terms of improving your physique you have to give priority to what actually matters. You can have an amazing program with all the bells and whistles and take every supplement under the sun, they still don't hold a candle to quality sleep, movement throughout the day, and adequate hydration.



With gunners Edgar Pangelinan and Jun Estolas going nuts from the 3-point line, Old Iskool throttled Gilas Batang right from the get-go. The two connected on five shots from the land of plenty as their team opened up a commanding 31-11 lead after the first quarter.

Old Iskool continued to wax

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Old Iskool's Edgar Pangelinan unloads a triple against Gilas Batang in their masters division game in the United Filipino Organization IT&E 2019 Basketball League last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



## Tudela, Meneses, Regis earn gold medals



Tudela



Regis



Meneses

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Joey M. Tudela, Joshua G. Meneses, and Brandon N. Regis all went home with gold medals after winning their respective weight classes during last Saturday's Northern Marianas Cup Weightlifting Tournament held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Tudela topped the 81-kg weight class after a total lift

of 200 kg. The 32-year-old veteran of the 2018 Micronesian Games in Yap, progressed from 85 kg to 90 kg in the snatch before topping out with 90 kg.

In the clean and snatch, Tudela started out with 100 kg before lifting a 105 kg in his second and topped at 100 kg.

"I trained for it and just wanted to hit my numbers," he said after the victory.

Tudela has been training in weightlifting for the past nine years and has been in five competitions in Guam and Saipan prior to last Saturday's event.

He beat a field of three other weightlifters with Joshua DLC Diaz getting a silver with his 181-kg total that narrowly beat Arvin Velasco's total of 180 kg. Don M. Cabrera finished with a total lift of 147 kg.

In the 73-kg weight class Meneses got the better of Alfred O. Guevarra Jr. in the two-man field. After 63 kg in the first round, Meneses settled for 67 kg in the snatch after failing to lift 71 kg in the third round. In the clean and jerk, the 23-year-old started off with 95 kg then progressed to 100 kg before abandoning his try on 105 kg. Guevarra had lifts of 65

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